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Severe floods in the Run put six- and eight-year-old sisters in danger

By Juliet Martinez

Sisters from Four Mile Run had a scare when Hurricane Ida flooded their neighborhood. The Run saw its second flood of the summer in September.

Justin and Kristen Macey's daughters, ages six and eight, boarded the school bus around 7:15 a.m. in the rain. Water was coming through a manhole cover in the crosswalk at Alexis and Saline streets.

"There's a little hole in the middle," Mr. Macey said. "When it

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Low-cost air monitors put data in community's hands

By Juliet Martinez

Researchers and Hazelwood citizen scientists plan to measure air quality using low-cost sensors. Meanwhile, Pennsylvania may soon join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative [RGGI].

Abhishek Viswanathan, a PhD student at Pitt, spoke with The Homepage. He will help Hazelwood residents with low-cost air quality sensors interpret and connect the data to their experiences. This will give residents more power to seek changes they want.

"Like stopping 18-wheelers from going down Second Avenue as a possible outcome," Mr. Viswanathan said. Hazelwood resident Joy Dore suggested this at a recent virtual meeting. "Having the numbers and data and information to back up

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Crisis of Care: The coming crisis in dementia care and why Pa. is woefully unprepared

A lack of beds and staff, soaring costs, and action plans gone unheeded have left Pennsylvania, one of the oldest states in the nation, in a perilous position.



Pat Loughney, at left, and his wife Alice "Candy" Loughney at the long-term care facility in Monroeville where she resides. Candy is one of 280,000 Pennsylvanians over the age of 64 living with Alzheimer's disease, the most common cause of dementia. She left home after her symptoms became too much for Pat to manage on his own. (for Spotlight PA / PublicSource)

By Colin Deppen of Spotlight PA and Juliette Rihl of PublicSource

Crisis of Care: The number of people living with Alzheimer's disease is expected to swell exponentially in Pennsylvania, one of the oldest states in the nation. But efforts to prepare are falling short.

Pat Loughney was sleep-deprived and panicked as he dug a partially eaten bar of medicated soap from his wife's mouth in the narrow confines of their upstairs bathroom. Minutes later, her face swelled and her throat began to close.

At the hospital, Pat explained to the staff that Candy had Alzheimer's disease and her condition had been deteriorating.

Run-of-the-mill forgetfulness had progressed to a dizzying string of misplaced cars, wandering incidents, locks being placed inside their home near Pittsburgh, and Pat staying awake at all hours to make sure his greatest fears weren't realized.

There were moments of relative clarity along the way, too.

"Alzheimer's is like a floor lamp with a loose light bulb on a creaky floor," Pat recalled a physician telling him. "Every once in a while there's a connection."

But things kept trending worse, until that September night in the hospital when Pat knew Candy needed

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Dylamato's Market reopens October 5 after a pandemic break

By Dianne Shenk, owner of Dylamato's Market

Working through a pandemic is no fun, especially if you are a grocery store. March of 2020 found us scrambling at Dylamato's Market, not sure of what to do or how to safely do it. We talked about closing during the shutdown, but then wondered when it would be 'safe' to reopen? Christmas? 2023?

So we stayed open, and put up plexiglass at the register, and all wore masks, and asked our customers to wear masks, and limited how many people were in the store at any one time. We began taking phone orders and delivering them to cars at the curb or to homebound customers in Hazelwood. We hired up when we got so busy we couldn't keep up with things, and got vaccinated as soon as we could. In many ways the pandemic was good to us; we were still open when many small businesses (especially restaurants) had to close, and people needed to buy groceries and came in looking for good food. We had steady employment, and somewhere to go and something to do when the world sometimes seemed too scary to get out of bed. And we felt appreciated by so many grateful customers who needed fresh food, or wanted sandwiches when they were too tired to cook, or craved freshly made pastries as a treat during a strange time.

We were glad to be so busy and to still be in business - but in the end, when summer rolled around in 2021 and there was no end in sight to pandemic weirdness, we also really needed a break! And we needed a chance to think and to plan how to do business better - for ourselves

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Send letters and story ideas to:
editor@hazelwoodinitiative.org

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Antonetta Avila

Title: Intern/Fellow

Start date: September, 2021

Where are you from? Michigan

What are the primary responsibilities of your role?

Community outreach & engagement, resource compilation and program design

Why is this job important to you and how does your educational, professional, or personal background help you to do your job well?

This internship opportunity will help me get better at cultivating meaningful relationships with people and building on those connections to empower communities from within. I was an engagement intern while studying for my bachelor's in social work, which exposed me to the inner workings of person-centered affordable housing programs with onsite social workers, programs and services. I worked with families living in a 342-unit affordable housing community, gathering recommendations on future programming and development. Although I have some experience working with community members in this way, I recognize it's a skill that you need to continuously practice to serve communities effectively, which is why this is so important to me.

What do you love about this neighborhood?

The city steps! I had never seen any before moving to Pitt, walking around the Hazelwood neighborhood. The way they connect people is also symbolic to me!



Lauren Coursey

Title: Intern

Start date: September, 2021

Where are you from? Wayne, Pennsylvania.

What are the primary responsibilities of your role?

Informing residents about services, resources, and assistance they might need or be unaware of, mainly around homeownership and rental programs.

Why is this job important to you and how does your educational, professional, or personal background help you to do your job well?

This experience is important to me because it is teaching me how best to build trusting relationships with the members of a community. As a social work and political science student, I have been able to learn about issues that affect members of a community, policies that lead to inequity, and services available to alleviate those issues but in the classroom. Working with Hazelwood Initiative is giving me the hands-on experience that I need to grow and be as effective as I can be as a future social worker in communities. Helping and teaching individuals about homeownership is something that can empower a community and its residents towards economic stability and growth. It is very valuable to be a part of this work.

What do you love about this neighborhood?

One thing I love about this neighborhood is the residents' interest and engagement in changes and improvements in the community, and the number of community events to take part in!



Become a Hazelwood Initiative member and make your voice heard!

Hazelwood Initiative proudly serves all residents of Hazelwood and Glen Hazel. While anyone can attend HI meetings, only members can elect or serve on the Board of Directors. Members also receive our weekly newsletter, keeping you informed about upcoming meetings, community events and job opportunities. Membership is free; having a voice in your community is priceless.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/HazelwoodInitiativeMembership> or complete and return the following:

Title (circle one) Mr. Miss Mrs. Ms. Mx. Dr.

Name (first, last) _____

Street number _____

Apartment _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email _____@_____

Phone _____ Mobile Landline (circle one)

Age _____

Renter Homeowner (circle one)

Race _____

Racial makeup of household _____

Return to:

Hazelwood Initiative

4901 Second Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Community Resources

Food and clothing

Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel of Hazelwood

Food and clothing distribution: Saturday, September 4th, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and Saturday, September 18th, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Community dinners: Sunday, September 5th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 19th 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.)

Phone: (412) 521-0844

Address: Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel, 5319 Second Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15207

Hazelwood YMCA Food Pantry

Food box distribution: First Saturday of every month

Phone: (412) 421-2708

Address: 134 E. Elizabeth St, Pittsburgh, PA, 15207

Fishes and Loaves

Meals on Wheels: Monday through Friday home meal delivery, free to anyone who needs food in Hazelwood, The Run, Greenfield and Glen Hazel

Congregate lunch: Eat in or take home lunch, Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Emergency food boxes: Pick up at Spartan Center 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or home delivery within 15 miles of the office.

Call to arrange food box pickup on the weekend.

Grocery buying assistance is available. Address: 131 E. Elizabeth St, Pittsburgh, PA, 15207

Phone number (412) 499-4313

Ask for Dylan Knapp-Scott

Contact Hazelwood Initiative for help with rental assistance applications

Contact Tiffany Taulton, Director of Community Initiatives, at Hazelwood Initiative for help applying for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program [ERAP].

Mobile phone: 412-392-7427
ttaulton@hazelwoodinitiative.org

Allegheny County Health Dept.

24/7 hotline:

888-856-2774

Phone Alerts:

www.alleghenycounty.us/alerts

General Information & Assistance:

Call 2-1-1

OR text your zip code to 898-211

OR visit PA211sw.org

COVID-19 testing and vaccination

COVID-19 vaccinations

Rite-Aid

Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

4934 Second Ave, Pittsburgh, PA, 15207

Phone: (412) 421-6948

Book an appointment if possible at <https://www.riteaid.com/locations/pa/pittsburgh/4934-second-avenue.html>

Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson available

COVID-19 testing and vaccination

Hazelwood Family Health Center

4918 2nd Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Phone: (641) 715-3900 Extension: 301402

Call for appointment

Call now for your booster shot if you have a weakened immune system due to cancer, solid organ transplant, steroid treatment or **other cause**.

Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson available

Housing and utilities

Action Housing: Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Visit: <https://Covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us>

Call: (412) 248-0021

Email: rentalassistance@actionhousing.org

PWSA relief application:

Apply at <https://www.pgh2o.com/residential-commercial-customers/customer-assistance-programs>

Call: Dollar Energy Fund at (866) 762-2348

Free housing legal services for renters and homeowners

Tenant Services

- Mediation: Third party trained mediators facilitate a resolution between landlord and tenant issues.

- Limited Legal Consultation: Attorneys provide limited and brief legal advice related to tenant issues and provide information on options, rights and responsibilities.

- Full Legal Representation: Attorneys provide representation through court proceedings to help prevent evictions and stabilize housing.

Homeowner Services

- Tangled Title: Legal assistance to help transfer the home's record title to the current occupant.

- Foreclosure Prevention: Assistance to help prevent foreclosure by helping to explore options such as repayment plans, forbearance and deferrals, mortgage modifications, refinancing and/or bankruptcy.

For a Legal Assistance Program referral call: 412-534-6600

Non-English speakers please call: 412-530-5244

Hotlines, alerts, and general information

Center of Life

Covid-19 Online Resource Guide

centerofflifeonline.net/covid

Hazelwood Initiative Community Updates

facebook.com/hazelwoodinitiative

Praise Temple Community Hotline

*Answering M-F, 10am-2pm

412-422-1983

Resolve Crisis Services

(888) 796-8226

Mental health crisis support

Churches and houses of worship

Church of the Good Shepherd

124 Johnston Avenue

Pittsburgh, 15207, 412-421-8497

hazelwoodgoodshepherd@gmail.com

www.hazelwoodgoodshepherd.org

Holy Angels Parish

408 Baldwin Road

Pittsburgh, 15207, 412-461-6906

www.holyangelshays.org

Keystone Church of Hazelwood

161 Hazelwood Avenue

Pittsburgh, 15207, 412-521-3468

Morningstar Baptist Church

5524 Second Avenue

Pittsburgh, 15207, 412-421-6269

Praise Temple Deliverance Church

5400 Glenwood Avenue

Pittsburgh, 15207, 412-277-0113

Mary S. Brown-Ames United Methodist Church

*During construction of new building -

Temporarily meeting at:

515 West 8th Avenue

Homestead, PA 15120, 412-421-4431

info@brightredfence.org

www.brightredfence.org

Squirrel Hill Christian Church

290 Bigelow Street

Pittsburgh, 15207, 412-521-2447

www.squirrelhillcc.wixsite.com

St. John the Evangelist Baptist

4537 Chatsworth Avenue

Pittsburgh, 15207, 412-521-0994

info@stjohnpgh.org

www.stjohnpgh.org

Fountain of Life Church

247 Johnston Ave Pittsburgh, 15207

412-422-8794

www.fountainoflifepgh.com

First Hungarian Reformed Church of Pittsburgh

221 Johnston Avenue

Pittsburgh, 15207, 412-421-0279

St. Rosalia's Catholic Church

411 Greenfield Avenue

Pittsburgh, 15207, 412-421-5766

strosaliaparish@gmail.com

www.strosaliaparish.org

St. Stephen Catholic Church

5115 Second Avenue

Pittsburgh, 15207, 412-421-9210

saintstephen@verizon.net

www.ststephen-hazelwood.org

Steel City Church

290 Bigelow Street

Pittsburgh, 15207, 803-422-5855

info@thesteelcitychurch.com

www.thesteelcitychurch.com

Holy Cross Evangelical

Lutheran Chapel

5319 Second Avenue

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www.holycrosspgh.info

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(W.H.I.P. Ministries)

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Apply online: <https://getemergencybroadband.org/>
For help applying or more information, call (833) 511-0311 between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

"Just For Today" Nar-Anon Family Group Meeting



Meeting First and Third Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
First Hungarian Church - Calvin Hall

217 Johnston Avenue

Any questions contact Cindy 412-421-7076

If you have a loved one, family member or friend that suffers from the disease of addiction, these meetings are for you.

Dementia

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more care than he could give. After two days in the ICU, his wife of nearly 40 years — real name Alice, playfully nicknamed Candy because her maiden name is Barr — would leave their home for a long-term care facility in Monroeville.

She did so in the thick of the COVID-19 pandemic, a public health emergency that tore through similar facilities across Pennsylvania. The result laid bare chronic oversight failures in homes that account for half of all COVID-19 deaths statewide.

Medical professionals and memory care experts say the chaos confirmed what they already knew: Pennsylvania, one of the nation's most elderly states, is unprepared for another kind of public health emergency — this one with no vaccine, few preventative measures, and its own set of dire economic implications.

There are 280,000 Pennsylvanians over the age of 64 currently living with Alzheimer's disease, the most common cause of dementia, and another 100,000 with related disorders — Parkinson's disease dementia, Lewy body dementia, and vascular dementia, to name a few.

The Alzheimer's figure alone is expected to reach 320,000 by 2025 and swell exponentially from there as the baby boomer generation, one of the largest in U.S. history, continues to age.

The longer cases progress, the more likely they are to require full-time supervision that is incredibly costly and already in high demand.

Right now, few state-licensed eldercare facilities have dementia-specific accommodations, with a maximum capacity of 17,157 patients between them.

By the numbers

- \$3.7 billion spent annually through Pennsylvania's Medicaid program for Alzheimer's care costs
- 622 million hours of unpaid care — valued at roughly \$10 billion — provided by Pennsylvanians to a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or dementia
- 500,000 family caregivers in Pennsylvania
- \$4,891 a month on average for memory care at a Pennsylvania assisted living facility

6th leading cause of death in Pennsylvania: Alzheimer's disease

Sources: Alzheimer's Association,

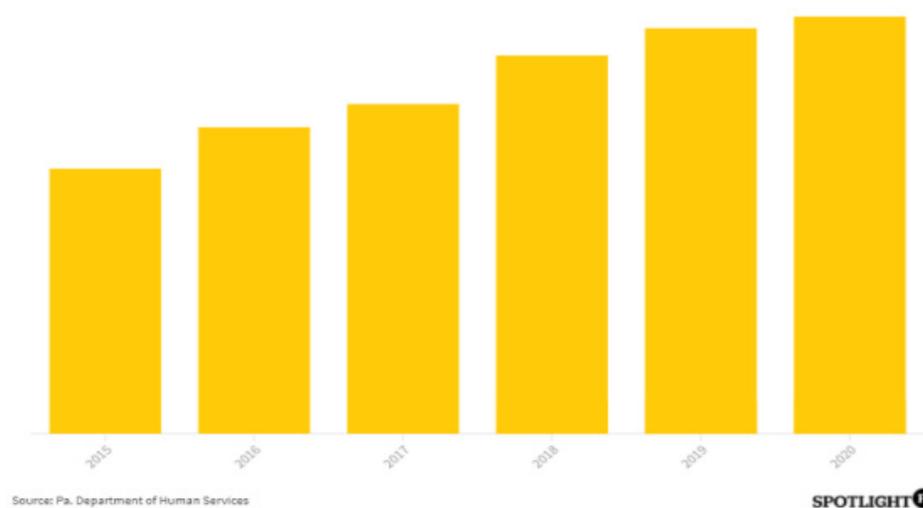
Genworth study, Pennsylvania Department of Health

With hundreds of thousands of cases and the potential for half to be moderate or severe, according to new research, the math favors a growing wave of "under-supervised" cases and cases managed by loved ones, like Pat Loughney, in sometimes excruciating fashion.

"If you want to talk about the future and people with Alzheimer's, I think you're going to see the need for more and more of these kinds of places where people can get the

PA A growing need for coverage

The number of Medicaid and Medicare recipients in Pennsylvania with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia disorder has grown every year since 2015. Advocates warn rising rates could bankrupt the programs.



specialized care they need," said Diane Menio, executive director of the Philadelphia-based Center for Advocacy for the Rights & Interests of the Elderly.

Experts and advocates give the state a near-failing grade in its efforts to prepare for the coming crisis in dementia care, a PublicSource/Spotlight PA investigation found. An official state action plan has sputtered for years, high costs could push families and facilities to the brink, and those serving on an unfunded state task force concede time is running out — and fast.

"This is a public health crisis," said Jen Ebersole, the director of state government affairs for the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Pennsylvania, "and Pennsylvania is not addressing it like a public health crisis."

A need for beds and staff

In Pennsylvania, less than a third of licensed personal care homes and assisted living facilities have dedicated dementia units, with a 10,595-person combined capacity.

Less than a fourth of the state's separately licensed skilled nursing facilities, or nursing homes, have "Alzheimer's disease beds," 6,562

between them.

"We do hear time and time again that it's just such a challenge to find space," Ebersole said.

The reason there aren't more dementia-dedicated spaces already, according to multiple sources, is a mix of economics and the slow evolution of eldercare as attitudes toward, and expectations of, dementia services change.

But limited space in facilities is just one part of the problem.

Specialists are wildly outnumbered, too, a dynamic not unique to

Pennsylvania.

"There aren't more than 1,500 board-certified geriatric psychiatrists for the whole U.S. population now," Joel Streim, a Philadelphia-based geriatrician and professor of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania, said. "To put that in context, there are more than six million Americans with Alzheimer's" who are older than 64.

Perhaps even more pressing, though, is a lack of trained staff who directly care for patients in an industry noted for extreme turnover even before the pandemic prompted resignations.

"If you could make more money in Walmart or fast food, why would you come work in a nursing home and, you know, toilet people and take care of their most basic needs?" said Kim Jackson, a Service Employees International Union-affiliated nurse with decades in the field.

Setting a higher minimum wage for direct-care workers, like nursing home staff, could curb turnover and give patients more continuity in their care, said state Rep. Dan Miller (D., Allegheny), who hosts an annual disability and mental health summit.

But the idea is likely to draw pushback from the homes themselves, many corporate-owned, if the response to a recent proposal from the Wolf administration is any indicator. That plan would require nursing home staff to spend more time daily with patients and, in turn, nursing homes to hire more workers.

"In our current operating environment, this proposed regulation is an unattainable, unfunded mandate that will cripple an essential component of the long-term care continuum," said Zach Shamberg, CEO of the Pennsylvania Health Care Association, an industry group representing more than 400 facilities statewide.

Jackson said she was the lone nurse responsible for 40 residents before the pandemic prompted a spate of staff departures and unexpected absences. (Fearing repercussions, she asked that her facility's name not be used.)

She said she's still coping with the strain of the past year while dealing with a profound and lingering case of "compassion fatigue."

"I had people dying without their families."

Pressing demand, slow response

Those who can't afford long-term care on their own and who demonstrate an urgent need can apply for coverage through Pennsylvania's Medicaid program, and many do.

Roughly 85% of nursing facility services in Pennsylvania are paid for by the state's Medicaid program, per the state Department of Human Services. Pennsylvania spent nearly \$33 billion on the program overall in 2019, with the federal government covering more than half the cost.

The number of Medicaid and Medicare recipients in Pennsylvania with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia disorder has also grown every year since 2015 — from 37,052 to 58,342 in 2020. Advocates have for years warned that rising rates of Alzheimer's, the most expensive disease in the world to treat, could bankrupt the programs or, at a minimum, lead to deep cuts.

Gov. Tom Corbett in 2013 commissioned a state plan to "define a response" to Pennsylvania's growing dementia crisis. Among dozens of recommended action items, the plan called for an analysis of negative economic impacts on state programs like Medicaid.

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Dementia

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But seven years after the plan was released, that recommendation and many others still haven't been completed, limiting the state's preparedness for a massive and fast-moving public health emergency.

Pennsylvania's Department of Aging notes some progress: Partnerships with stakeholders have been launched along with dementia-friendly programs and an annual statewide forum on the subject.

Still, without adequate funds, some of the more ambitious — and advocates say meaningful — recommendations in the plan have faltered.

The Pennsylvania Department of Aging blames a lack of resources, adding that it's prioritizing "activities and focusing our existing resources where we can have the most impact."

"If you could make more money in Walmart or fast food, why would you come work in a nursing home and, you know, toilet people and take care of their most basic needs?"

Meanwhile, the task force charged with overseeing implementation of the state's plan has no money at its disposal.

"This is the thing: You can have a plan without a budget, [but] that has no future," said Dr. Oscar Lopez, director of the University of Pittsburgh's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center.

Jennifer Holcomb, the chair of the task force and a director of memory support at a nonprofit retirement community in central Pennsylvania, agreed with others who rate the state's level of preparedness at a "C" or "D," noting a public health crisis of epic proportions does not have a funding stream to match.

"The problem is now," Holcomb explained. "It's today. It's not coming, it's here."

This is an excerpt from a story written in a collaboration between PublicSource and Spotlight PA, published as part of a Pittsburgh Media Partnership project. Read the full story online at <https://www.PublicSource.org>.

Light Up Night Christmas tree giveaway needs trees

Donate an artificial Christmas tree and decorations to the Light Up Night Christmas tree giveaway and light up the holidays for someone in your neighborhood.

Deliver decorations and artificial Christmas tree donations to the Carnegie Public Library Hazelwood branch at Hazelwood 5006 Second Avenue Pittsburgh PA 15207.

Contact Joe Hepner for more information:
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Our Mission:

The 31st Ward Community Action Group was established to bring the residents of our community together, advocate for the neighborhoods' needs, and to support the youth, veterans, and senior citizens of the 31st Ward and surrounding areas.

31st Ward Churches



Holy Angels Parish
408 Baldwin Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15207
412-461-6906
www.holyangelsays.org

Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene
5604 Interboro Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15207
412-462-2524
www.ipnaz.org

Lincoln Place Presbyterian Church
1202 Muldowney Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15207
412-461-3377

Mt. Rise Baptist Church
80 Ingot Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15120
412-462-8333

Maoz Tzur - Rock of Ages Messianic Jewish Congregation at Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene
5604 Interboro Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15207
412-609-1117

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210 Greentree Road
Munhall, PA 15120
412-461-0944

Warriors of Holiness in Power (W.H.I.P. Ministries)
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412-461-5571

31st Ward CAG Corner

Join the 31st Ward Community Action Group for community planning and events, discussion of current concerns and goals, as well as updates from Zone 4 police, the Office of Councilman O'Connor, and the mayor's office.

Meeting location: Lincoln Presbyterian Church, 1202 Muldowney Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15207
*Monthly meetings every 2nd Tuesday at 7 PM
Social Hall of LP Presbyterian Church.
Enter on Cooley Way

Contact us:

Email: executiveboard@31WardCag.org Website: 31stwardcag.org Find us on Facebook!

31st Ward Flag Fund

Your donation will help our volunteers to install and maintain American flags that line the streets of the 31st Ward. Please make checks payable to the **31st Ward Community Action Group** and mail to 944 Sunglow St, Munhall, PA 15120. Include a return mailing address if you would like a receipt of your donation. Send a donation via Venmo to @Pgh31stWardCAG, www.venmo.com/Pgh31stWardCAG



Lincoln Place Presbyterian Church Events

Craft & Flea Market

Saturday, October 23
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Food and bake sale
Call to reserve your vendor/seller table by October 13: 412-462-6148

Election Day Spaghetti

Dinner
Tuesday, November 2
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Take out only. \$10.00 each

Annual Veterans Pancake

Breakfast
Saturday, November 13
9:00 a.m.
Free to all veterans, spouses and caregivers
Call for information and to reserve your space by November 10th: 412-462-6148

Church schedules and information

Yorke Fellowship

ALL ARE WELCOME AT YORKE FELLOWSHIP
We are an independent, unaffiliated, episcopal style, congregation.
Our Sunday Services are held at 11:15 am, THE FORGE WINERY, 210 E 7th Avenue, Homestead, PA 15120 (We are right by Aldi's in Homestead)
Come participate in our Music Program. We have a Music Library of over 15,000 Anthems and growing daily.
Participate in our Choir, Men's Vocal Group, or Scholar Choir.
Become active in our Bread Ministry.
Participate in our Morning Prayer Service and our mid-week service
You are loved and welcomed here at Yorke Fellowship
All services are live streamed on our Facebook page.
Rev. Raymond Ursin is our Pastor
Please contact us at yorkefellowship@gmail.com for questions.

Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene

Sunday School (all ages) - 9:30 AM
Children's Church - 10:30 AM
Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Evening Service - 6:30 PM
Monthly food pantry - 3rd Saturday (8:30 AM) at Lincoln Place Presbyterian
Need a ride to church? Call Darrel at 412-461-6742

Holy Angels Parish

Tuesday - 8:00 AM
Thursday - 8:00 AM
Friday - 8:00 AM
Saturday - 8:00 AM
Saturday Vigil - 6:00 AM
Sunday - 9:30 AM
Confession: Saturdays after 8am 'til 9am

Lincoln Place Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 AM
Monday - NA's 7:00 PM
Tuesday - Senior Lunch & more 12:00-2:00 PM
Free Library-Tuesday's 10:00 - 1:00 PM
All are welcome.
For more info call: 412-461-3377

Floods

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starts spitting water, you know it's starting to get real close, and then you'll start to see a rattle and then it will just shoot off."

Having seen their daughters off, the couple surveyed the flooding in their neighborhood.

Mrs. Macey filmed the flooding on Boundary Street between Four Mile Run and Naylor streets. Her video shows a recreational vehicle and a dump truck with tires submerged in brown water.

June 13. "The water is coming from Schenley Park. I've never seen anything like that down here. Not that high."

Dark streaks of water stream down the concrete supports under the Parkway, which passes over The Run. "We get tons of water from the Parkway," Mrs. Macey said.

After documenting the flooding, Mrs. Macey saw their daughters walking home. Mr. Macey said the bus company has not explained why the children were not taken to school, or why they had to get off the bus and walk home in heavy rain.

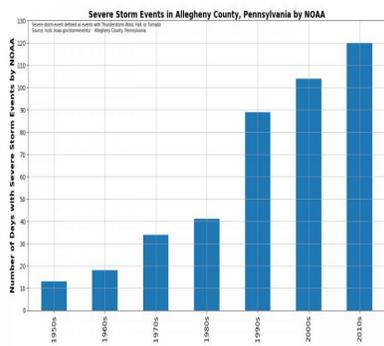
"They had to cross in the crosswalk where the manhole cover comes off," Mr. Macey said. "There's nothing stopping anybody from getting sucked into there."

Once her daughters were safe and the rain had slowed, Mrs. Macey filmed more of the flooding. Her video shows large amounts of mud, bricks, logs, sticks and gravel. At least one fish from Panther Hollow Lake made it to Boundary Street.

"We've been dealing with this for years and years and years, but since 2009 it's gotten significantly worse with each storm," Mrs. Macey said.



Stormwater partially submerged cars on Boundary Street on September 1, when rain from Hurricane Ida drenched the Pittsburgh area over the course of two days. Photo by Justin Macey



In 1950, severe storm events occurred on fewer than 15 days per year. By the last decade, Pittsburgh experienced 120 days with severe storm events. Image courtesy of pgh20.com

"This is really bad flood number two for this year," Mrs. Macey said, referring to previous flooding on

"It's just mind-boggling that this is still not being addressed."

Mr. Macey said the city has not fixed the problem, even though the community has pleaded with them. It has become worse, he said, with as many as 10 severe floods over the last 15 years, by one estimate. The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority [PWSA] website says severe storms have increased by 900% in Allegheny County since the 1950s.

"The city keeps saying that they've fixed stuff or made it better, and then

you know [we] don't really see any results," he said.

The PWSA Four Mile Run Stormwater Project should be complete in 2023. Tony Igwe, Senior Group Manager for Stormwater, says things won't get better before then.

"What we're doing is trying to provide a big enough pipe to transport that much water into the Mon, to get it into the Mon as quick as possible," Mr. Igwe told The Home-page. "Until that's built, the system that's there isn't enough."

Hazelwood Community Resource Expo, August 28th



Dress for Success at the Hazelwood Community Resource Expo at Hazelwood Green on August 28. Dress for Success promotes women's economic independence through support and professional attire. For more information, visit <https://pittsburgh.dressforsuccess.org/>. Photo by Tiffany Taulton



Lutheran Deaf Ministry hosted a craft table at the Hazelwood Community Resource Expo. For more information on Lutheran church services for the Deaf in Pittsburgh, visit www.firsttrinity.net/deaf-ministry. Photo by Tiffany Taulton



Hazelwood Initiative was one of 15 vendors at the Hazelwood Community Resource Expo. Antonetta Avila is a new intern (see her staff profile on page 2) who offered information on Emergency Rental Assistance. Find out more about housing assistance on page 3. Photo by Tiffany Taulton



Vicar Benjamin Janssen of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Chapel with Elizabeth and Nathaniel John Janssen at the Hazelwood Community Resource Expo. See page 19 for October events at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Chapel. Photo by Tiffany Taulton

Dylamato's

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and for our employees and customers. So, we sold down much of our inventory, notified our suppliers, and closed up shop for a breather.

We took that much-needed break in the heat of August and September, and now we are ready to open again!

We have made some changes – we will be closed on Mondays, and will open earlier (10:00 am) and close a little earlier too (5:00 pm), Tuesday - Saturday. We plan to have more of your favorite lunch foods, and a few unusual snack choices.

Otherwise we will stay much the same – still carrying pasta and sauces, fresh made deli sandwiches and delicious fresh pastries from Mee Mee's Tis So Sweet Bakery. We'll

still have a wide selection of fresh vegetables for your dinner, more options for topping our fresh cut salads, and lots of cut fruit and berries for healthy snacks. And we'll continue to stock the best we can find of local foods – fresh local honey, Hazelwood's best fresh pastries from Mee Mee, bread from Mancini, meats from Thoma Meat Market, Turner Dairy tea and milk, Silver Star deli meats and cheeses, organic beans, rice and flour from Frankferd Farm, fresh hummus from Above and Beyond Catering and, of course, delicious ice cream from Phil and Bill's Ice Cream! I have really been missing that ice cream.

We are opening on Tuesday, October 5th, with our new hours. Please stop by, say "Hello" and pick up a fresh pastry to celebrate!



Dianne Shenk and husband Brent Showalter in front of Dylamato's. The store will re-open on October 5 after being closed in August and September. Photo courtesy of Dianne Shenk. Used with permission.

Air Monitors

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claims of pollution will be very useful."

But health problems caused by pollution are not restricted to Second Avenue. A recent editorial in the New England Journal of Medicine said more people are having heart, lung and kidney disease, pregnancy complications and mental health challenges because of global warming. Poor, Black and Brown people, seniors, babies, children and people with health problems suffer the most from climate change.

Climate change and RGGI

Gov. Wolf has been working for two years to have Pennsylvania join RGGI, pronounced "Reggie." The program sets limits on carbon dioxide production. It then allows polluters to buy pollution credits if they go over their allowances.

Last month, the Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved of joining RGGI. Then the House Environmental Resources and Energy committee passed a disapproval resolution. Pennsylvania will still join RGGI in 2022 if less than two-thirds of the General Assembly opposes it.

Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia already joined RGGI. This means power plants in those states have to pay for every ton of carbon dioxide they emit. Pennsylvania is the fourth largest emitter of carbon dioxide in the country. But the state's Republican-led legislature has supported the fossil fuels industry. Business groups, organized labor and Democratic and Republican representatives from fossil-fuel producing communities have as well.

Environmental advocates say joining RGGI holds polluters accountable. They say this will help address the dangers of climate change. Monitoring pollution through citizen science is another way to hold polluters and local governments accountable.

Handful of monitors for the whole county

The Allegheny County Health Department [ACHD] tracks air quality using precise, expensive sensors. They only have a handful of them, though. Pittsburgh is one of the most polluted cities in the country. Allegheny County is one of the top counties in the country for cancer risk from air pollution. Given these

realities, the ACHD monitoring network is quite sparse.

The county has four monitors that measure superfine particulates called PM2.5. These particles, less than half the size of a grain of pollen, can build up in the lungs. They cause problems for children, because their lungs are smaller, seniors and anyone with heart or lung problems.

Three ACHD monitors measure ground-level ozone. This forms when car exhaust and gasses called volatile organic compounds [VOCs] react with sunlight. Ground-level ozone is often a component of smog and can cause breathing problems.

Finally, four ACHD sensors measure sulfur dioxide. This gas with a rotten-egg smell comes from power plants, smelters, factories and vehicles burning coal, oil and natural gas. Sulfur dioxide is in both smog and acid rain, and can irritate lungs. Sensitive people suffer from even small amounts.

The ACHD did not return calls asking why the official air quality monitoring system is so sparse. But the low-cost sensors planned for Hazelwood could become part of an official network. Low-cost air sensor data in North Carolina is now part of the Environmental Protection Agency's official air-quality mapping system.

Data that works for the people who are affected by it

Mr. Viswanathan said the low-cost sensors will measure air temperature, humidity, sulfur dioxide, PM2.5, ozone and VOCs. He will help turn data into easy-to-understand graphics that neighbors can discuss.

Residents may track Air Quality Action days and asthma symptoms in their kids. Or they might see if planned Smart Spine modifications along Second Avenue help air quality. Smart Spine programs should cut pollution by keeping traffic moving through intersections.

Whatever changes residents want, they will have data to back up their advocacy, Mr. Viswanathan said. Maybe they will ask for more official air quality monitors or traffic flow changes on Second Avenue. Either way, the data will serve the community agenda, not the government or the experts. "I don't care much for official-ness when it isn't reaching the people who are affected by it," he said.

Air pollution hurts kids' brains. Keep them in on Air Quality Action Days.

Air Quality Action Days are days when the level of pollutants has become at least high enough to irritate the lungs of sensitive individuals, such as children, babies, pregnant people and those with heart and lung disease. AirNow.gov says vulnerable people should stay inside on Orange Air Quality Action Days, but parents should know that air pollution can cause hyperactivity and learning problems for any child exposed to too much of it, on top of making asthma flare up.

Brittani Namey, a nurse practitioner with the Duquesne University Center for Integrative Health Asthma Program, told The Homepage that parents of kids with asthma should keep them inside and turn on the air conditioner, if possible, on Air Quality Action Days because pollution can trigger asthma symptoms.

To check your local air quality, visit [AirNow.gov](https://airnow.gov).

To sign up for Allegheny Alerts that will tell you when Air Quality Action Days happen, visit <https://tinyurl.com/Air-Quality-Alerts-signup>.

For more information on childhood asthma, go to <https://tinyurl.com/DUQ-asthma>.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

Fall brings the hooting of owls, planting of garlic and planning for spring

By Matt Peters, Community Gardens Manager

October in the gardens means pumpkins and wind rustling in the dry corn stalks, and owls at night. Hazelwood seems to have two species of seasonally rotating residents: great horned (*Bubo virginianus*) and common screech owls (*Megascops asio*).

Owls can be identified by their hoot. Diminutive screech owls, despite their name, make a gentle, slightly spooky cooing sound, while the call of the great horned, one of North America's largest owls, is a deep, resonant "Whoooooo" followed by two or three short hoots. It can almost be hard to hear, it's so low and sonorous. The call of the barred owl (*Strix varia*), another species

found in our region, is a distinctive "who-cooks-for-you?" I have never heard this owl in our neighborhood. Owls eat mice and rodents, so they are good neighbors and a valuable part of our urban ecosystem. Their presence here is an indicator of good ecosystem health and functionality.

October also means Halloween, an ancient holiday that still delights children and helps tie communities together. The pumpkins that we carve, the colorful corn and gourds that adorn our doorways and buffet tables, and the garlic that wards off vampires all echo the ancient agrarian roots of the holiday. The comic ritual of trick-or-treating recalls the gifts given in sacrifice to placate or appease trickster spirits or the souls of departed loved ones, at this time of year when it was believed the veil

between worlds was thinnest. The noticeably shorter days and longer nights foretell the coming of winter, the end of the harvest season.^[SEP]

Garlic is known for its health-boosting properties, as well as for keeping vampires at bay. Planting garlic can help build healthy communities! Join us at the community garden at Monongahela and Minden Streets on Saturday, October 16, at 10:00 a.m. until noon, to help prepare the soil, and again the following Saturday, October 23, at 4:30 p.m. until dusk to plant the garlic cloves.

Planting garlic is typically one of the last big tasks for the yearly cycle; the winter months are the time to plan for next year. Seed catalogs will begin arriving in mailboxes soon, and each year the neighborhood Ag Team places a group or-

der with Fedco, a cooperative seed company based in Maine that offers a user-friendly group discount process. We invite anyone interested in vegetable or flower seeds to join us. No order is too small! Contact me at gardens@hazewoodinitiative.org to find out more.

Our community gardens have ample room for folks to reserve free growing space. We have beds available at the former YMCA garden and in convenient locations throughout the neighborhood. Grow food for yourself, for your friends and family, or for market!

Visit www.hazewoodinitiative.org for more information, and follow us on Facebook by joining the Hazelwood Sustainability Forum!

Greenways: More than useful and scenic, they can drive economic growth

By Matt Peters, Urban Garden Manager

PITTSBURGH – At their regular monthly board meeting, held September 9, the URA agreed to enter into a six-month Exclusive Negotiations agreement with Oak Moss Consulting, Inc, a step towards selling the land for development. The Woods Village housing proposal seeks to purchase city-owned land that has converted to canopy forest, and build 62 prefabricated modular housing units, more suited for student apartments than for family housing. The URA added a condition that Oak Moss hire a consultant to examine the impact of their proposal on the environment, but such self-reporting is seldom thorough or even trustworthy when a profit motive is involved.

Our neighborhood needs new housing, no doubt about it, but cheaply built apartment rentals like those proposed for Woods Village can be built on any vacant lot. Hazelwood has an abundance of truly vacant lots, there is no reason to begin restocking our housing needs with clearing canopy forest. Residents who come here to rent or buy homes will want places to walk, to listen to songbirds and smell flowers. Our forests provide all this and more. Hazelwood residents voice this commitment to our green infrastructure in our neighborhood plan.

There are many reasons to protect forests in their own right. The ecosystem services that forests provide include stormwater mitigation, landslide control, cooling shade in the summer's heat, protection from winds, and cleaning pollutants from the air. Forests also improve the quality of life for residents of



A well forested Hazelwood seen from the Hot Metal Bridge. Photo by Matt Peters

the community by reducing stress, which helps with heart disease and diabetes as well as depression and anxiety. Trees, whether they be a street tree or a parkland forest, help boost home values. Hazelwood has an opportunity to build an economy based on these forests, with trails connecting our neighborhood to Schenley Park to the one side, and Frick Park via the Duck Hollow Trail on the other.

The City of Pittsburgh enacted a visionary Climate Action Plan in 2017, and took such care that we revised it three times to make sure we got it right. The chapter on forests provides the straightforward directive to "HALT tree canopy loss due to development" and that is exactly what the URA is violating here.

Our Greenways were established in 1983 as a response to the collapse and departure of the steel industry, and by and large have not received much attention or review since that time. Today, these forests have expanded in some places, fallen to vines and invasive species in other places, quietly storing carbon and providing clean air and stormwater control.

In light of the Intergovernmental

Panel on Climate Change [IPCC] report released earlier this year, and the growing understanding of how serious the consequences of global warming are going to be, the City of Pittsburgh must set aside canopy forest and meet their own management goals for climate preparedness.

Read the IPCC report at <https://www.ipcc.ch/assessment-report/ar6>.

Read Pittsburgh's statements on Greenways and climate change at <https://pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/greenways> and <https://pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/climate-action-plan>

Hazelwood can have a healthy economy based on the conservation of our forests and wild places. US Bureau of Labor data from 2011 calls outdoor recreation "an overlooked economic giant". Outdoor recreation provides 6.1 million jobs nationally, while construction provides 5.5 million. The main difference between the two, however, is that jobs in outdoor recreation tend to stay stable over time, while construction jobs move from one job site to the next. It isn't worth sacrificing the economic powerhouse opportunity our green spaces offer us. Construction jobs will come, with or without Woods Village, and then they will go. The young forest standing there today is a unique and irreplaceable opportunity that could support our community for generations to come, or be lost forever for the sake of a landlord's easy dollar.

TRANSPORTATION

Hazelwood Green has a “complete street,” but what does that mean?**And how else can roads be made safer for everyone?**

By Juliet Martinez

Lytle Street in Hazelwood Green is a complete street, one of only a few in Pittsburgh designed for the safety of all who use it. But how can existing streets be made safer?

What are complete streets?

Complete streets are designed to accommodate everyone who uses them, whether they are driving, biking, walking, using a walker or wheelchair, rollerblading or pushing a stroller, according to the United States Department of Transportation.

Depending on the needs of the community, complete streets may have crossing opportunities with accessible crosswalks; bike lanes, bus lanes, public transportation stops, median islands, custom landscape treatments and other elements intended to make the street safer to travel on, especially for those who are not driving.

Studies of complete streets have shown that accidents involving cars and pedestrians are lower than on streets not designed this way. When bike lanes are present, bicyclists are also much safer.

When it's safer to walk around

PAT riders can buy bus tickets via mobile apps

By: Juliet Martinez

Bus riders can now buy tickets through the mobile apps, Transit and Ready2Ride. They can then use their smartphones as a ticket when boarding.

The Port Authority website riders can use the apps to buy tickets and passes. Passes are available for the day, week and month.

“I’m thrilled that we are able to offer this service to riders, which has been several years in the making,” said Port Authority Vice Chair and board member Jennifer Liptak, in a press release. “Investments in tools like these further modernize our transit system, making it more accessible and efficient for all users.”

the neighborhood, people are more likely to spend the recommended amount of time doing physical activity, according to one study. This can affect the health of a whole community.

Where are the other complete streets in Pittsburgh?

One other complete street in Pittsburgh lies on Bigelow Boulevard between Forbes and Fifth avenues in Oakland. It was completed in December, 2020, with a total cost of \$23.7 million for one block. The project, funded by University of Pittsburgh with a \$1 million grant by Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, widened sidewalks and crosswalks, improved the bus stop and bike access, as well as updating the water and power lines and rain-fall runoff management.

How else can streets be made safer for people who are not in cars?

Complete streets are best built from scratch, like the one at Hazelwood Green. Redesigning existing streets is an extremely costly process, as the one in Oakland shows.

Less costly options for existing streets, as long as cars aren't driving over 30 miles per hour on them, include protected bike lanes on streets with up to 7,000 vehicles per day, bike lanes on streets with up to 5,000 vehicles per day, and shared lanes or neighborways on streets with 2,000 or fewer vehicles per

This summer, public transportation mobility initiatives abounded. The bike shares, e-bikes, mopeds, e-scooters and mobile pay options came from Move PGH. The two-year program has the goal of offering Pittsburgh residents more transportation options.

You can still get transit tickets the old-fashioned way if you want to pay cash. Elizabeth Pharmacy (5041 Second Avenue, Pittsburgh) and Giant Eagle locations sell Connect Cards you can add money to. Move PGH says on its website riders may soon be able to reload bus passes by depositing quarters into parking kiosks.

For more information, go to the Port Authority website, <https://www.portauthority.org/gomobile>, and <https://move-pgh.com/>.

day. Neighborways are routes laid out on low-traffic streets that “prioritize pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-vehicular traffic and offer a safer, more comfortable alternative to busy arterial streets,” according to the Pittsburgh Department of Mobility and Infrastructure [DOMI].

What can be done to make intersections safer?

Intersections are the most dangerous places on a road, so using something called bump-outs or curb extensions creates visibility that can be a lifesaver. By Pennsylvania law, cars are not allowed to park within 30 feet of a stop sign or traffic light, or within 20 feet of a crosswalk. Curb extensions enforce these distances and keep sightlines clear for

pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers.

Other additions, like neighborhood traffic circles, help slow down speeders on side streets. By forcing drivers and bicyclists entering the intersection to slow down and curve to the right, they make the intersection safer for everyone. In Seattle, Washington, a case study showed a 94% reduction in crashes and a 99% reduction in injuries after the installation of neighborhood traffic circles.

What do you think needs to happen to make streets safer in your community? Drop us a line at editor@hazelwoodinitiative.org, or The Homepage, 4901 Second Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15207.



Cyclists, rollerbladers from around Pittsburgh converged on Hazelwood Green Plaza for Open Streets Pgh, organized by Bike Pittsburgh. Streets are closed to cars for the annual event.

Advertise in The Homepage!

Your local business can attract loyal neighborhood customers by advertising in The Homepage. Delivered free each month to around 10,000 households in Greater Hazelwood, Greenfield, the 31st Ward, New Homestead and the Run, The Homepage serves the needs of residents and promotes small businesses like yours. Your tax-deductible advertising costs will help your neighborhood as well as your bottom line.

Contact Sarah Kanar at skanar@hazelwoodinitiative.org or 412-421-7234 x 402 about advertising in The Homepage.

SCHOOLS

Propel Hazelwood connects to the community for a new school year

By Rachel Sonnet

Propel Schools began the 2021-2022 academic year on August 18. Monday through Friday, over 250 Propel Hazelwood scholars in grades Kindergarten through eighth engage in in-person learning. For some scholars, this is the first time since March 2020 they have been in a school building.



Fun and games at Propel Hazelwood's back-to-school open house on August 26. Photo courtesy of Propel Hazelwood.

One third of Propel Hazelwood scholars live in Hazelwood, so school Principals Tina Mayer, Meryl Johnson and Darnell Bonner, and Community Site Coordinator Rachel Sonnet created a neighborhood scavenger hunt for staff to emphasize how important it is to become a part of the Hazelwood community. Educators visited businesses and cultural landmarks on Second Avenue.

"It was nice to see parts of the community that I know are connected personally to our scholars' lives," said Dr. Bryan Stephany, a seventh and eighth grade math teacher.

During a school Open House on August 26, Propel Hazelwood families visited educators and staff. Community partners also met with families and shared information on local programming and resources. The event concluded with an outside cookout and family game activities.

As scholars and staff settle back

into school routines, families and community members can look forward to innovative educational programming and activities throughout the year.

Propel Hazelwood is continuing to follow COVID-19 safety proto-

cols. All staff, scholars, and visitors are required to wear masks while in the building. Additionally, extra cleaning protocols remain in place. To read more about the health and safety plan, visit propelschools.org.



A dinner cookout rounded off the fun at Propel Hazelwood's back-to-school event on August 26. Photo courtesy of Propel Hazelwood.

Three Rivers Village School gets ready to move to the former YMCA

By Maggie Bogdanich

Greetings from Three Rivers Village School [TRVS]! We're off to a great start to the year at the Spartan Community Center of Hazelwood. We've had field trips to Burgwin Park, Lytle Street Playground, the Carnegie Library, the Greenway, and the Elizabeth Street Pharmacy, or as we call it, "the corner store."

We're also busy packing up and planning for our upcoming move to the former YMCA building on Chatsworth Ave after six years at the Spartan Center. We look forward to settling into the Y when it is ready, hopefully as soon as October.

Students and staff have been planning out where all of our things will go. Our computers, library and art room all need a space, and we will need to set up the kitchen. We want to use the building to its fullest potential.

That is why we are thrilled to announce a partnership with Arts Excursion Unlimited [UAE]. UAE will be sharing our art space, kitchen, and all-purpose room. This symbiotic partnership will keep the building teeming with life.

Students at TRVS enjoy the freedom to learn, try new things and explore the neighborhood. We thank

the residents, shop owners, and employees of the local businesses for making Hazelwood a truly special place to grow and learn.

TRVS would love to welcome more of our Hazelwood neighbors as students. One tuition grant is still available for a Hazelwood resident. This grant covers up to three years of tuition for a student between the ages of 5 and 17. The student must live within the Hazelwood neighborhood. TRVS strives to be affordable to all who want to attend. We offer need-based scholarships. We will work with families who want to be a part of our school to create a workable tuition plan. Contact us today!



Two TRVS students on a field trip to the Hazelwood Carnegie Library branch.

Back to school with JADA House International Blastoff

Photos by Heather Mull.



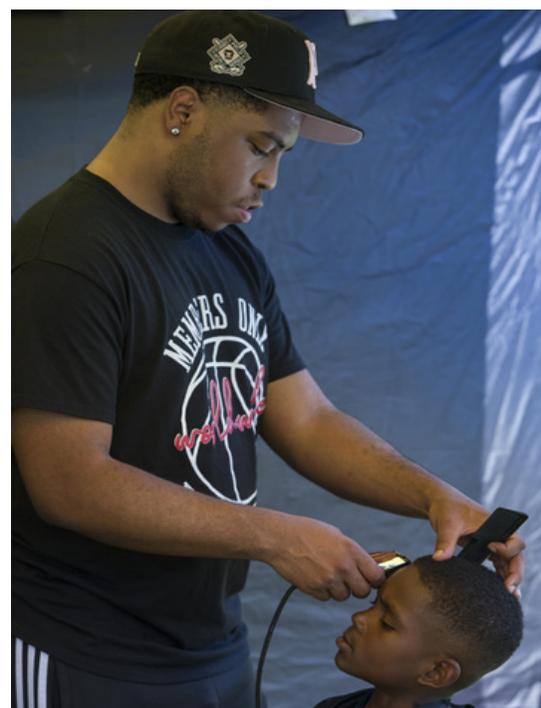
A child's face lights up during the JADA House International Blastoff on August 21. JADA House International is a faith-based social ministry. It offers community members a place to find support for their struggles and worship God with others.



A family plays together at JADA House International Blastoff. More than 100 neighborhood residents of all ages attended the August 21 event held in Burgwin Park in Hazelwood.



One young resident hams it up in the barber chair while getting a new, sharp look for school. University of Pittsburgh donated bookbags and school supplies for the event.



Children receive free haircuts from professional barbers. The seventh annual JADA House International Blastoff partnered with the recruitment firm Davis Solutions Consulting. Interested adults applied for employment on the spot.



Kids play a pickup game of football. Duquesne University and UPMC Health Network offered health-related information for participants.



A small child plays with a red ball almost as big as he is. Masks were encouraged and some participants took advantage of the opportunity to be outdoors and safely socially distanced without a face covering.

Back to school with JADA House International Blastoff



A child enjoys a quiet moment at the craft table. JADA House International Blastoff was co-sponsored by Duquesne University, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape and UPMC Health Network.



A football game at Burgwin Field was cancelled, but many of the players and their families attended JADA House International Blastoff and made the best of the day. To learn more about JADA House International, visit <https://www.jadahouseinternational.com>.



Free face painting made the day magical for this young participant. In addition to school supplies, health screenings and employment opportunities, attendees received gift cards.



A juggler on stilts entertained children during the back-to-school backpack giveaway. Health screenings were also available courtesy of Duquesne University.



These pals are ready for school with new bookbags and supplies. Event sponsors were Duquesne University, University of Pittsburgh, United Way, Center of Life, UPMC Health Plan and Davis Consulting Solutions.



Friends posed for a selfie together. JADA House International is a community partner with Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, which also supported the event.

COMMUNITY VOICES

You Have a Compassionate Savior

By Vicar Benjamin Janssen, Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel

In September, our country solemnly remembered the twentieth anniversary of 9/11, when almost 3,000 Americans lost their lives. To this day, our country and those affected by this terrible evil continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, the loss of fellow Americans, and the loss of a country that will never be the same. When sin entered the world, the world changed forever for the worse. This is a hard life. Life on this earth is painful, it has hardships, and it has tragedy.

Each day this hard life brings you

one step closer to your final breath. This is sad and quite scary to think about. The pandemic these past couple of years has reminded us of the reality that we are going to die.

Luke 7 tells us of a widow from Nain who is mourning the death of her only son. St. Luke writes, "When [Jesus] saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep.'" Based on the Bible, we know Jesus doesn't walk away and leave us alone in our grief. He feels our sorrows, knows our troubles, and sympathizes with us. Jesus doesn't say, "It's not a big deal" or, "That's not worth crying about." He doesn't offer false comfort. He is not denying that this life is hard, and He

wasn't telling this widow that she was making a big deal out of nothing.

He truly understands because He took all our pain and suffering upon His perfect sinless self and died for us. He died for you. He willingly sacrificed Himself on the cross to pay for your sins. Jesus Christ looked at you, saw someone worth dying for, and died for you. When you were baptized, your sins were paid for with the Holy precious blood of the Son of God. And because of His work on the cross, you don't have to fear death anymore. When Jesus says not to weep, He is not saying, "Get over it." He's saying, "It's okay. I've taken care of it

for you." He loves you and has compassion on you.

You can receive that love here at Holy Cross where we preach that Jesus died for your sins and continues to forgive your sins until you are brought to be with Him in paradise forever. All of this matters because you matter to Jesus. He cares about you. He gave Himself up in order to comfort you in your time of need and guide you until you die and go to Him forever. Jesus has compassion on you and loves you. Thanks be to God!

Please join us on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and check our website for the weekly schedule of worship and service opportunities.

The old Carnegie Library's road to national registry

By JaQuay Edward Carter

On August 19, Hazelwood's Carnegie Library building moved closer to nomination for placement on the National Register of Historic Places. JaQuay Edward Carter, Founder and President of the Greater Hazelwood Historical Society of Pittsburgh tells us how this came about and why it is important.

Since February of 2018, I have been advocating for the restoration and redevelopment of Hazelwood's historic Carnegie Library building, dedicated in 1900. A place that nurtured a young August Wilson before he went on to become Pittsburgh's most famous playwright has tremendous historical and cultural significance. It should be recognized on a national level.

The Carnegie Library building received a local designation as a historic place in 2004. But that year the library closed due to a lack of improvements. The property has been vacant and abandoned ever since.

The city-approved designation provides a review of any proposed demolition, possibly preventing or delaying it. But in Pittsburgh, some buildings with only local designation have been demolished before they could be registered nationally.

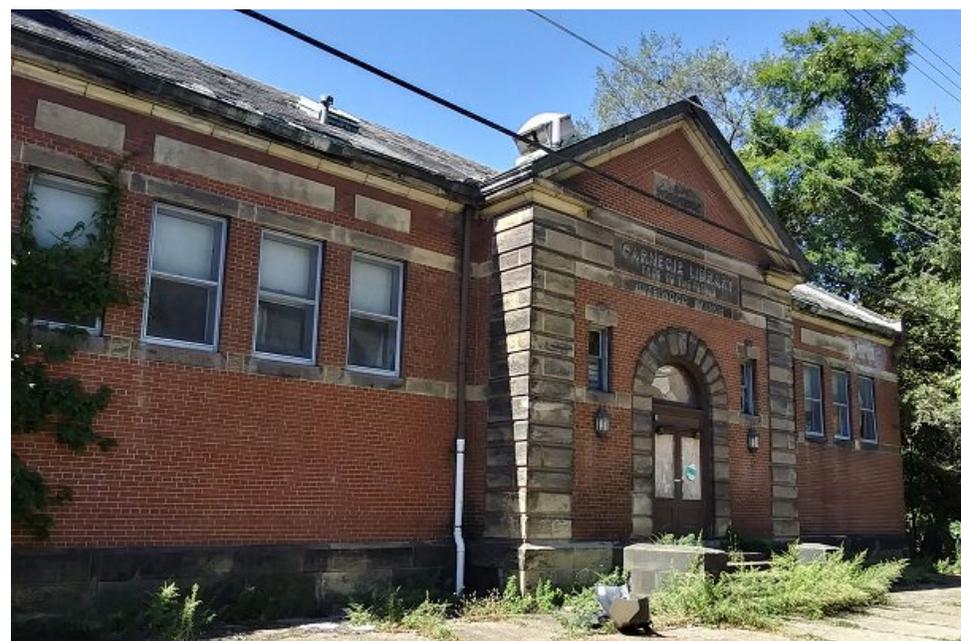
Local and national historic designations status have different implications. Simply put, an National Registry of Historic Places [NR] listing allows access to some grants (for nonprofits) or tax incentives (for

businesses). The amount depends on the total cost of preserving the property. The listing does not fully protect a building from demolition but does provide a limited degree of protection through governmental association. When a building gains both local and national historic recognition, it attracts broader support and funding opportunities. Therefore, it is ideal to have both designations on the property.

Advocating for the library has been both challenging and rewarding. I received the 2018 Dr. Dan Holland Promise Award from the Young Preservationists Association. I was also invited to be a panelist at a statewide conference with Preservation Pennsylvania in September of 2020.

That is where I met Melissa McSwigan, of Preservation Pittsburgh, who wanted to help me get the building on the National Registry of Historic Places [NR]. In February of 2021, Mrs. McSwigan introduced me to Dr. Stephanie Gray, a public history professor at Duquesne University. Dr. Gray was teaching a graduate class on historic preservation.

Two of Dr. Gray's students, Alexandra Warren and Cassidy Gratz, were working together on an NR nomination as their graduation project. To get listed on the NR, a building must be deemed "eligible" by completing a Historic Resources Survey Form. Once eligibility is granted, the building may qualify



The old Carnegie Library Hazelwood branch on Monongahela Street and Hazelwood Avenue has been empty since 2004. Photo by Juliet Martinez

for Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission Keystone matching grants, among others.

This past spring, I met with Ms. Warren and Ms. Gratz, at the old library in Hazelwood last spring to enlighten them about the building's history. They gathered all the necessary information and submitted the application. In August, we got the momentous news we'd been waiting for.

"The Hazelwood Carnegie Library appears to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places for its association as one of the initial Carnegie Library branches, which were funded by Andrew Carnegie to provide individuals with access to knowledge and information, and to assist countless newly arrived immigrants living in Pittsburgh to learn

about the culture and history of their new country. The Hazelwood Carnegie Library also appears to be eligible for its architecture as an example of a Carnegie type library building. The Hazelwood branch was also designed by prominent Pittsburgh architects Alden & Harlow, and is unique for the presence of a 500-seat auditorium."

This is indeed a positive step toward national recognition. The John Woods House, which sits a few blocks away on the same street, was listed on the National Registry in 1993, and there are also applications pending for Gladstone School, and the Hazelwood Brewery building. It is an ongoing effort to preserve Hazelwood's history. However, the road to success is always under construction.

COMMUNITY VOICES

I see you & I saw you: Appreciating the Women of Hazelwood

By Marcia Battle-Reid

Looking back on all the communities where I once lived, just reminiscing, I said to myself, “If I could choose one neighborhood to talk about, what neighborhood would it be?”

It would be Hazelwood, my home from 1990 to 2003, and some of the many women from Hazelwood. My appreciation is long overdue. Now, some of these women are gone on to be with the Lord, but they left a big imprint behind to remember them, and how could they not? They are and were some Very Special People.

I’ll say a word or two about these women, just to name a few:

- Ms. Barbara Butler: She greeted everyone with love, and she’d say, “hey, I want you in my play.” She wrote many good plays.
- Ms. Rachel Jenkins: A good soul hearted woman. A storyteller and you were always eager to hear what she had to say.
- Ms. Joanne Murray: My girl, always had a good looking Jheri Curl, great hospitality and I loved her accent.
- Ms. Nancy Yarbough: Tough lady with a good heart, when she speaks, she has something to say. Then you take it all in and go on your way.
- Ms. Wilma Coon: Always had something nice to say and wrote many good plays.
- Ms. Louise Murray: Always so kind to me. When you saw her coming, she made a statement, because she was always dressed to kill, and wore the baddest hats, purses and pearls.
- Ms. Peggy Cole: Everyone knew Peggy. A strong Black Woman, who wasn’t no joke. If you really, really knew her, you knew she had a good heart, she was a giver, she shared whatever she had.
- Ms. Helen Dennis: Will always greet you with her beautiful smile. Many times, I would see her on her way down to the Y’, just to lay eyes on her daughter, Angrea, (that’s a good thing), and a very intelligent woman.
- Ms. Alice Child: A woman of wisdom. Another very good

storyteller, and you listened and wanted to hear more. Another sharp dresser.

- Ms. Ursula Craig: Always ready to help out in the community any way that she can. Not to mention a woman who stands by her man, Mr. Homer Craig. Nothing but good memories, I will never forget you.
- Ms. Pinky Davis: When she spoke, she went straight to the point, but with love; and had no problem shouting, and singing out for the Lord.
- Ms. Mary Sealy: A humble woman with a good spirit. Al-

ways ready to serve in any kind of way.

- Ms. Mary Fuller: Just always so good to be around. Good vibes, gorgeous, and I loved the way she carried herself.
- Ms. Edie Jordan: Another tough woman I enjoyed talking with. She had no problem telling you the way it is. She also had jokes and was good at straightening and curling hair.

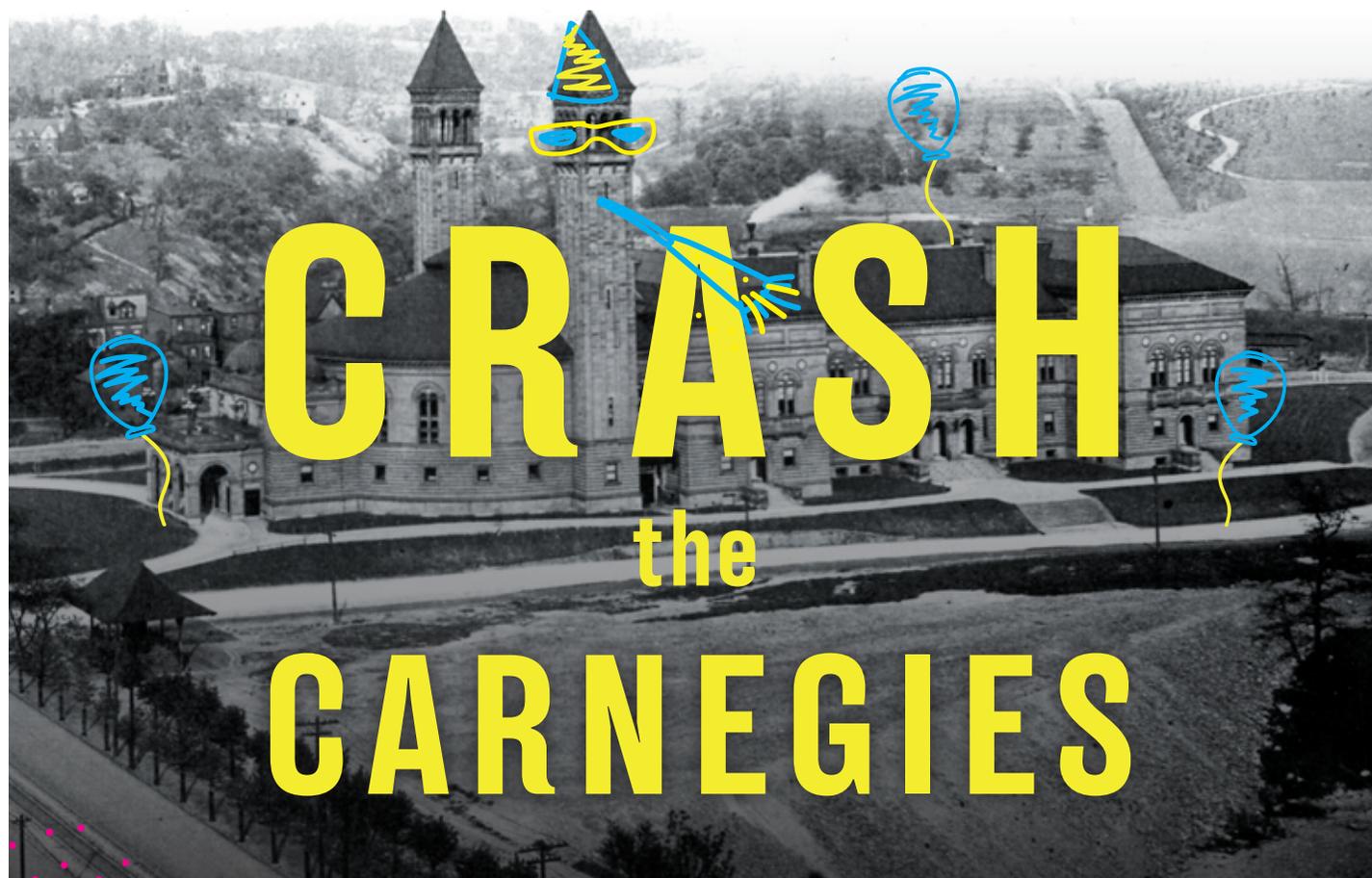
• Ms. Love: A woman who stood by her name. She showed love by surprising you with a birthday card on your day.

Last but not least,

- Ms. Ester Waller, my girl, the nurse and did very well at Children’s Sermons. Always ready to roll up her sleeves to help out. I will never forget you. You helped me with the tea.

Some of these women are gone on to be with the Lord, but they left a big imprint.

Like I said, “just to name a few” but just know there’s more good women to appreciate in Hazelwood. This was my assignment.



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COMMUNITY VOICES

The time is now to choose creativity**over fear**By **Jim McCue**

Our fears cripple us. Many times, fear logic leads us to do the opposite of what would be for our own good. Rather than respond in fear to this worldwide environmental, ecological and economic crisis, we can take it as an opportunity to change drastically. Nikola Tesla, who has been called the "Father of the 20th Century" for his research and inventions, which include the first electric vehicles, the alternating current we all use, fluorescent lighting and remote control, said, "The energy of a single thought may determine the motion of the entire universe."

We have the technology to completely get away from the internal combustion engine - cars, trucks, trains, planes, and boats. But scientific and technical progress has been slowed down for more than the last 100 years by entrenched financial interests in order to maintain people's addiction to fossil fuels. As an example, planned obsolescence was used to purposely decrease the number of hours machines would last.

This is unnecessary! There is a lightbulb in a fire station in Livermore, California, that has lasted for

Stepping Through History: A Brief Look At Hazelwood's Fascinating StaircasesBy **Julie and Ted Block**

Pittsburgh is known as the City of Bridges for a good reason. With 446 total bridges, it boasts more than Venice, a city built on water! Pittsburgh is also known as a city of stairs, thanks to approximately 700 staircases that dot the area's characteristic hills. Originally built to help locals travel to and from work, the staircases remain popular.

A recent survey found:

- 26% of Pittsburghers use the public staircases at least once a week.
- 12% of locals use them once a day.
- 16% of locals use them multiple times a day.

With nearly 45,000 total steps, Pittsburgh staircases see a total elevation change of 4.65 miles, coming only 5,000 feet short of Mount Everest! These staircases are still prominent in neighborhoods like

more than 100 years. Many manufacturers engineer planned obsolescence into their products to force us to buy replacements. The miser makes himself miserable.

An Earth much healthier and happier than the present one is hard to imagine. But as the great Albert Einstein said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge."

Call for help with Everybody's Garden

Corner of Lytle and W. Elizabeth Streets, Pittsburgh, PA 15207

I can use a shovel, but can't push a wheelbarrow anymore, so this community garden has become overgrown. I am available to show where the fruit trees, vegetables, flowers, and herbs are. It's called Everybody's Garden because everyone is welcome. Help yourself to whatever's growing there, including parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, oregano, lavender, apples, rhubarb, potatoes, kale, comfrey, collards, lemon balm, catnip, French sorrel, sweet hyssop, fennel, tomatoes, asparagus, sunflowers, and Rose-of-Sharon.

How about a new community garden named The Science Garden? Think of the possibilities.

Hazelwood, which has plenty of steep hills that making traveling by foot a real challenge.

Some of Hazelwood's Biggest Staircases

Many of Hazelwood's staircases were constructed in the 1940s, around the same time the neighborhood became a bustling commercial town and home to a variety of ethnicities, including Hungarian, Italian, Slovak, Irish, Polish, and African-American populations.

Here are some of Hazelwood's most impressive staircases (which often have their own street names) based on the total number of steps, with data pulled from pittsburgh-steps.samlearner.com, a data-collection website:

Tullymet Street (From Chance Way to Sylvan Avenue)

- Year Constructed: 1948
- Number of Steps: 249
- Total Length: 461 feet

Eddington Street (From Kil-**Neighborhood photo contest!**

Send your favorite photos of your neighborhood to The Homepage! Every month the photo contest winner will have their photo and name printed in the paper.

Contest entries must include the name of the photographer, the names of anyone shown in the photo, the date and location where the photo was taken. Submission of photographs grants The Homepage permission to print the photographs.

Email digital photos to editor@hazelwoodinitiative.org.

Mail photo prints to:

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4901 Second Avenue, 2nd Floor

Pittsburgh, PA 15207

HI is Seeking Coffee Shop/Restaurant Entrepreneurs!

HI is sad to report that both the 61Z Cafe (Coffee Shop) and C&D's Kitchen (restaurant) are closing their doors. So, HI is looking for Hazelwood-based tenants to occupy these TWO Second Avenue locations.

If you have dreamed of running a vibrant neighborhood coffee shop or restaurant in the heart of Hazelwood, this could be your golden opportunity.

For more information, contact Hazelwood Initiative Director of Real Estate, Dave Brewton: 412-421-7234 x407 or dbrewton@hazelwoodinitiative.org.



Historic photo of city steps in Hazelwood. The neighborhood has 18 flights of steps, many of which are in good repair and used every day. Residents use steps to connect to public transportation and the Greenway. Photo by Laura Zurkowski

bourne Street to Kinglake Street)

- Year Constructed: 1949
- Number of Steps: 170
- Total Length: 289 Feet

Nansen Street (From Flowers Avenue to Hazelwood Avenue)

- Year Constructed: 1947
- Number of Steps: 152
- Total Length: 643 feet

Gladstone Street (From Home Rule Street to Winders Street)

- Year Constructed: 1950
- Number of Steps: 140
- Total Length: 625 Feet

Hazelwood's staircases are part of the neighborhood's charm, and seeing a staircase fills us with pride. Those stairs are, after all, a piece of our city's history!

Until next time,

Julie & Ted Block

Julie and Ted are realtors with Compass Realty. Learn more about them by visiting blocksintheburgh.com.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Five reasons I oppose the Woods Village development proposal

An open letter to the Board of the Urban Redevelopment Authority [URA]

By Kristina DiPietro

My name is Kristina DiPietro and I am a lifelong resident of the Hazelwood community for over 74 years. I have been an advocate and community activist for over 50 years. My husband and I live on Gladstone Street in the Hazelwood Greenway. I have several concerns regarding the proposed Woods Village project. I urge the Board of the URA: Do not move this proposal forward. It would be devastating to my community.

1. The whole community has not weighed in

First and foremost, due to the coronavirus pandemic, in-person community meetings have not been possible, so the greater Hazelwood community has not had the opportunity to have an intense discussion about the Woods Village proposal. Not everyone in the community has access to Zoom meetings, which have kept some of us informed, but do not give individual residents an opportunity to be heard. Having as many of the residents as possible hear, learn and comment on a proposed development which will remove vital green space is imperative.

2. We can't spare the green space

Second, the proposed Woods Village Housing project would destroy and devastate green space which is the threshold of the invaluable Greenway in our community. Climate change is already here! Removal of mature trees and other oxygen-producing green infrastructure sets a precedent for future development. Reflect on the recent rains and storms and the havoc they caused. This past spring and summer we had many storms and high winds. The natural God-given green infrastructure kept some areas safe. This proposed development would be a landslide ready to happen for the streets above, Sylvan Avenue (it is called Sylvan for a reason), Home Rule and Gladstone streets. Listen to the experts in the field of Urban Agriculture. Follow the science!

3. Too narrow for more cars or parking spaces

Third, Monongahela Street, where the Woods Village Housing project

is proposed, is a narrow street. Two cars cannot pass each other going opposite directions. The steep terrain of Tullymet Street does not lend to easy access either. With the proposal's inclusion of 'front street (Monongahela St)' commercial space, the access would be further diminished. Emergency vehicles would have an extremely difficult time navigating the street. With Woods House Pub already causing parking issues for residents, adding more housing and commercial space further disrespects those long-time residents. During construction, it would be a nightmare.

4. A population density problem

Fourth, the Woods Village proposal of 62 mixed-size units would create a severe population density problem. Even with 40 units, the number of persons living there would cause all the issues that go along with multifamily housing: increased parking, litter and noise. Some say, "there was multifamily housing there in the past." Yes, back in the 1960 & 70's about 10 row houses were on the site, with a large setback from the street and Chance Way behind to give space between the row houses and the hillside. This was nowhere near as congested as the Woods Village project proposes to be.

5. No affordable housing accountability

Lastly, at a recent Zoom meeting, Mr. Pandya spoke about his proposed development. He stated he would have affordable units but without government involvement. I retired from a state agency that provides low-income housing tax credits [LIHTC] for housing developments. Each LIHTC project has a deed restriction regarding the affordability of the units. How is Mr. Pandya planning on implementing his own affordability to certain units? It just doesn't sound like a good plan. There is no guarantee of long-term affordability or compliance monitoring.

The greater Hazelwood community has much vacant land which could be used for a multifamily development without the above issues. The block between Tullymet

and Minden streets along Second Avenue may be an alternative (after proper vetting) for the Woods Village Housing project. Unfortunately, Oak Moss Consulting and Krish Pandya are only interested in Hazelwood's City of Pittsburgh and URA parcels.

I **strongly urge** the Board of the URA **not to move forward** with the Woods Village proposal. This proposal does not meet the standards indicated in the Greater Hazelwood Community Plan, "Our Hands Our Plan," nor the City of Pittsburgh's adopted Climate Action Plan. Let's follow the science and the plan my neighbors and I worked so diligently to produce and get approved by the City of Pittsburgh.

Please consider all I have presented as you make a decision that will have a great impact on my community. **Consider the larger village of Hazelwood.**

Editor's note: On September 9, the URA board agreed to hold the proposed Woods Village development site for Oak Moss Consulting LLC, and granted the firm's request for exclusive negotiations for the sale of the parcel. In the next phase of development, Oak Moss Consulting LLC will prepare plan to address geotechnical, stormwater, soil erosion, and sedimentation issues and reduce the risk of land slides and flooding. The redeveloper must also submit a zoning plan outlining the benchmarks the project must hit to develop the site in accordance with the Greater Hazelwood Neighborhood Plan. The firm will need to re-zone the parcels or apply for a zoning variance because most of them are zoned as "Hillside," which is typically reserved for low-density development. Read all the public comments about Woods Village at <https://tinyurl.com/public-comment-Woods-Village>.

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Goings on about town

In case you missed it

Event: InvolveMINT and The Mission Continues Sylvan Avenue Urban Farm

Date: August 28, 2021

Location: Sylvan Avenue compost site

InvolveMINT partnered with The Mission Continues, a veterans organization, to cultivate land in Hazelwood to create a sustainable urban farm that will grow healthy food for the surrounding community! This is part of a larger project by involveMINT that aims to enrich Pittsburgh's most underserved areas by providing locally-sourced food to these regions. This event was part of a continuous project by involveMINT. It was the first of many collaborations between The Mission Continues and involveMINT. We were also joined by Tacumba Turner, from Oasis Fisheries, to help assess the site and put in processes and procedures to maintain and steward the garden.

Special thanks to the Pittsburgh water authority for installing the tap that allowed our volunteers to cool down!



Event: Symphony on the Plaza

Date: September 19, 2021

Location: Hazelwood Green Plaza, Lytle St & Eliza St

Center of Life Jazz Band opened for members of the Symphony Orchestra Brass Ensemble. The ensemble was performing at Hazelwood Green for the very first time. Food and beverages were available from Sips Mobile Bar and Secretos PGH Puerto Rican food truck. The evening program sponsored by Hazelwood Local featured music from movies like The Green Hornet, Star Wars, and Superman.

Event: Weekly Happenings at Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel

Date: Throughout October

Location: Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel, 5319 Second Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15207

This is the regular weekly worship, devotional, and prayer schedule at Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel.

HOLY CROSS
Schedule

SUNDAY
Divine Service: 9:30 AM
Bible Study: 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - Noon
Prayer & Bible Study

FRIDAY - Noon
Stations of the Cross

Come and Pray with Us!

Event: Community Dinner

Date and time: October 3 and 17, 2021, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel, 5319 Second Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Holy Cross provides a free hot meal for all community members with a brief prayer service afterwards. This is a great chance to foster community in Hazelwood, meet new people, and prayer for our community. All are welcome!

Event: Thursday Prayer and Bible Study

Date and time: October 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

Location: Hazelwood Towers, 111 Tecumseh St, Pittsburgh PA

Every Thursday in October, Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel will be hosting a free Prayer Service and Bible Study for all the residents in Hazelwood Towers. This is only open to residents in the Hazelwood towers, but other Bible Study and prayer services are offered to the community each week at Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel.

Event: Second Annual Fall Mini-Fest

Date and time: October 30, 6:00 p.m.

Location: The Lot @ Renova St. & 2nd Ave.

Join Hazelwood Local and Morning Star Baptist Church for the 2nd Annual Fall Minifest! Enjoy dancing to local DJs, free pumpkins and pumpkin decorating, warm sips and bites, and carnival games, and leave your mark on the neighborhood with an interactive art installation. A special 21+ gathering will take place in the Morning Star Baptist Church's "backyard" from 8pm-10pm.

Event: COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM MEETING #10

Date and time: October 20th at 6pm

Location: on Zoom. RSVP for details at <https://hazelwoodlocal.eventbrite.com>

Everyone is welcome. Community participation is encouraged.

Event: Free Movie Night

Date and time: October 29, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel, 5319 Second Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Every year millions of Lutherans and Christians around the world commemorate the beginning of the protestant Reformation which began when Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg on October 31st. Come celebrate the Reformation with a free screening of "The Luther Movie" at Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel. Free popcorn will be provided.

To have your event featured in Goings-On About Town, go to <https://tinyurl.com/TheHomepageEvents>.

To announce births, graduations, weddings and deaths, go to <https://tinyurl.com/TheHomepageLifeEvents>

Meetings every 2nd Tuesday of the month!

GREATER HAZELWOOD

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday

October 12th

6pm - 8pm

TOPICS & SPEAKERS

- **Mill 19 Construction (Development Activities Meeting) - RIDC**
- **Hazelewood Green & Second Ave. Bus Shelters - EvolveEA**
- **Just Mediation Pittsburgh - Brenda Harris, Director of Engagement and Mediation**
- **Hazelwood Initiative Project Updates**
- **Community Announcements**

Drawing for \$25 gift cards at the end of the meeting!

Register in advance for this meeting:

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Souse- A Barbados Tradition

By **Toni C. Simpson**
School Director/ Lead Chef
Instructor
Community Kitchen Pittsburgh



Toni Simpson, School Director and Lead Chef Instructor at Community Kitchen Pittsburgh with a plate of souse, pudding and steamed sweet potato. Photo by Rebecca Nathan

S.O.S... Morse code for “save our souls” takes on a different meaning on Saturdays in Barbados. Far from a distress signal, S.O.S in the Bajan mind means Souse on Satduh, conjuring images of bright, sunny days, or raining, cloudy skies, friends, conversation, some sort of alcohol and of course the ubiquitous Bajan pudding-n-souse. But what is this delicacy? How is it prepared?

Like many traditional Bajan (Barbadian) foods, souse originated from the ingenuity of enslaved Africans on the island. The choice pieces, like the leg and shoulder, of a butchered hog were for the slave masters. The less-desirable parts, such as the head, ears, tongue, belly, intestine and feet, were combined into a delicious, comforting meal. Cooked with onions, chives (scallions), whole hot scotch bonnet peppers and salt, these parts simmer happily until they are tender. They are then rinsed, drained, vigorously massaged with fresh lime juice and salt and left to “draw” (marinate). Here the souse meat awaits its pickle.

No souse is complete without its accoutrements: steamed savory pudding, cucumber pickle and a few slices of steamed breadfruit or steamed sweet potato.

Often compared to Scottish haggis, English black pudding or French boudin, the Bajan steamed pudding features grated, herb-seasoned sweet potatoes, sweetened slightly with large brown crystals of locally-produced brown sugar and a dusting of ground clove.

The pièce de résistance is the pickle. The mixed grated cucumbers and onion, minced sweet pepper, fiery hot scotch bonnets, salt, freshly squeezed lime juice and flecks of parsley create a delicious fresh pickle with “juice” to drizzle over the pudding. The cooked meat is buried in it to soak up the flavors.

Souse on Saturdays is a time-honored Bajan tradition which has evolved to be inclusive of all palates. No longer restricted to pork... there are now variations ranging from the lowly but delicious chicken foot to the chewy sea cat (octopus), different varieties of fish, succulent shrimp and even lobster, scallops, and mussels!

Recipes by Toni Simpson and her mother Gillian Perry

Steamed Savory Pudding Recipe

- 2 pounds grated sweet potato
- 2 tablespoons Bajan seasoning (If you do not have Bajan seasoning, increase the herbs by ½ teaspoon.)
- 2 tablespoons grated onion
- 3 ounces sugar
- 2 rounded tablespoons vegetable shortening
- 2 rounded tablespoons margarine
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon fresh thyme
- ½ teaspoon fresh marjoram
- 1 teaspoon fresh chives OR ¼ teaspoon each, of dried thyme, marjoram, chives.
- ¾ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1¼ cup hot water (not boiling)
- ¾ teaspoon ground cloves

Instructions

1. In a large bowl combine grated sweet potato, seasoning, onion, sugar, shortening, margarine, pepper, paprika and herbs (dried or fresh) with ½ teaspoon of the salt. Mix thoroughly.
2. Add the hot water and ground clove. Stir thoroughly. Taste and adjust the salt if needed.
3. Allow the mixture to rest for 5 to 10 minutes and taste again, this time for the clove. A hint of clove should be present, but it should not be overpowering. If necessary, add about a ¼ teaspoon more.
4. The consistency should be loose. If too dense, add a little

more water. Pour into a greased bowl for cooking. Cover tightly with a double thickness of aluminum foil so no water gets into the mixture while it steams.

5. Add water to a saucepan big enough to accommodate the bowl with the pudding mixture. The water should reach about 2 or 3 inches up the bowl. Cover the saucepan and cook on medium heat for about 1 hour.
6. Uncover the saucepan and stir the pudding mixture thoroughly. Cover and continue cooking, checking occasionally and adding more water when necessary.
7. Continue cooking until the mixture begins to hold together, about two hours. Stirring occasionally shortens the cooking time because the mixture cooks from the outside in.
8. When the color darkens and no uncooked strands of potato or fresh herbs are visible, remove from heat. Allow it to cool slightly before serving as it tends to cut better and hold its shape when it is cooled.
9. Serve on its own or with pickled cucumber.

Cucumber Pickle

- 1 pound of cucumber, 1 whole, the rest peeled, seeded and grated or finely diced
- ½ small red sweet pepper, diced
- ½ small green sweet pepper, diced
- Juice of 2 limes
- A dash of paprika
- ½ cup hot water (not boiling)
- A pinch of black pepper
- ½ cup water at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 heaped tablespoon grated onion
- Scotch bonnet peppers to taste, finely minced
- 5 stalks parsley leaves, chopped (no stems)

Instructions

1. Use a plastic or glass bowl and a non-metal spoon to serve.
2. In a large bowl, combine grated cucumbers with the sweet peppers, paprika, hot water, black pepper, grated onion, scotch bonnet peppers, salt and lime juice. Stir well and allow to rest for a five to 10 minutes.
- Add the room temperature water

and parsley. Adjust seasoning to taste.

- Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

Souse for Pickle

If you want to try souse and don't care to eat the head, feet, trotter, ears and tongue, use two pounds of pork chops or any cut of pork or chicken you like. But if you're adventurous, you can find all the parts at Strip Meat Inc. at 2123 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 or Robert Wholey & Co. Inc. 1711 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Scotch bonnet peppers can be found at any Giant Eagle or Reyna Foods located on 2031 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

- ½ pig's head, brain removed
- 1 piece of pork belly
- 4 pig's feet
- 2 pig's ears
- 1 pig's tongue
- 2 large onions, peeled and quartered
- 2 scotch bonnet peppers
- A handful of fresh thyme
- Juice of 2 limes
- salt as needed

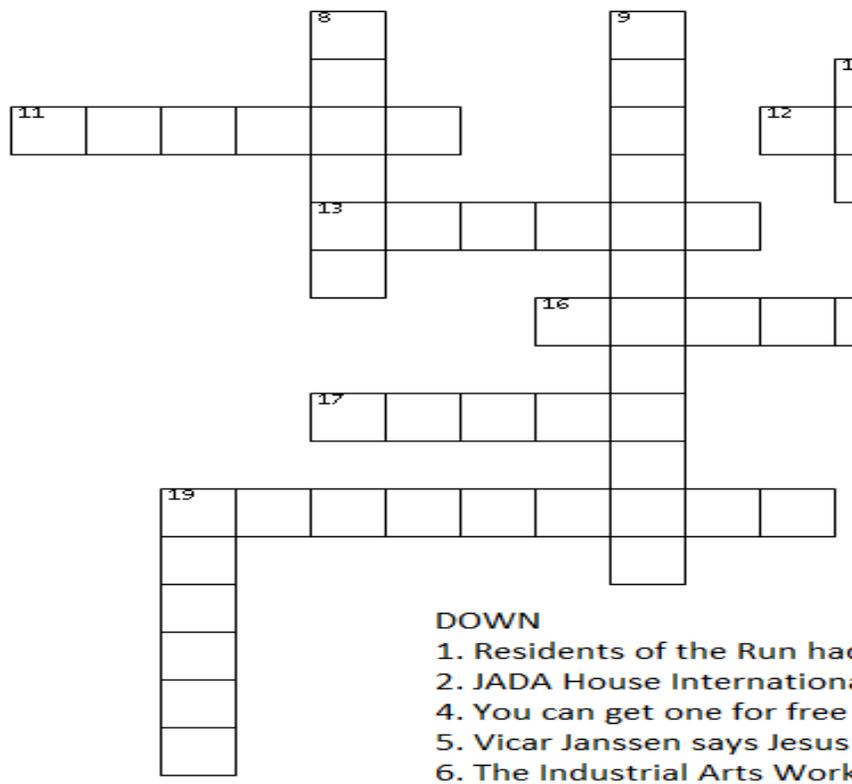
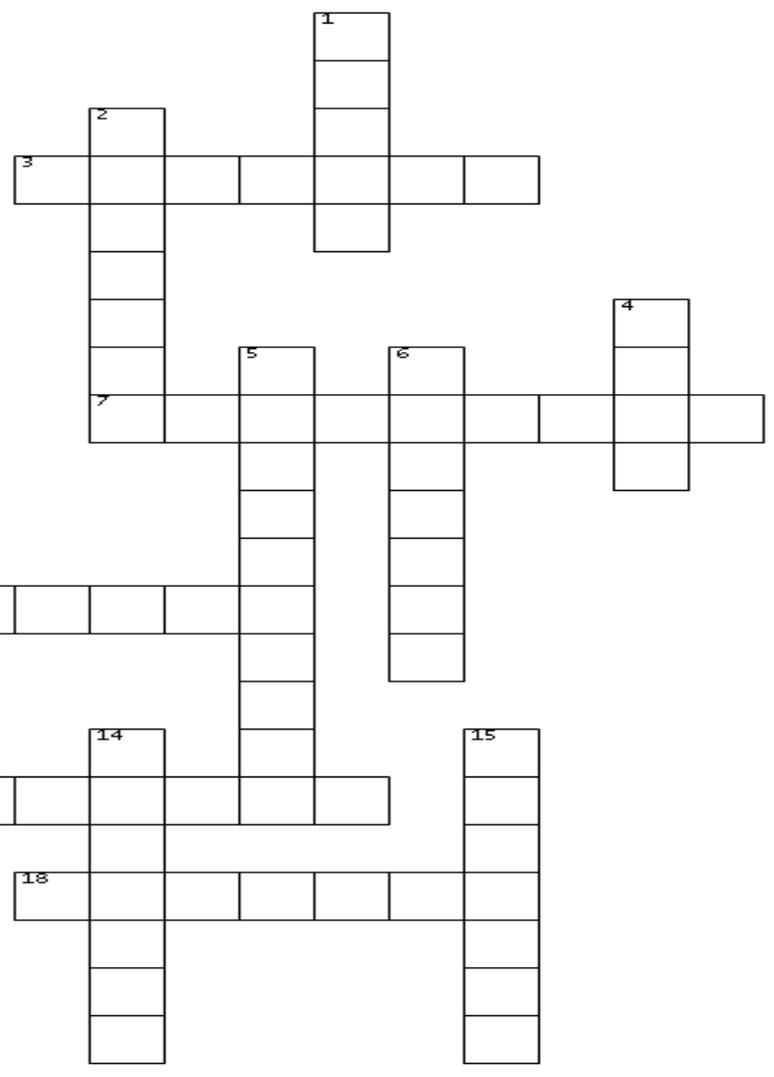
Instructions

1. Rinse all the pork parts off in cold water. Drain and set aside.
2. In a large pot, place the head, ear and feet in salted water. Add one onion, half the thyme and a whole scotch bonnet pepper. Bring to a boil and cook until the flesh begins to leave the bones.
3. In another pot, place the belly and tongue in salted water. Add the other onion, the remaining thyme, and a whole scotch bonnet pepper. Bring to a boil and cook until fork tender.
4. Prepare a large bowl of cool water seasoned with salt and freshly squeezed lime juice. Plunge the cooked pork into cool salted water immediately to make the flesh crisp and allow it to cool.
5. When the meat is cooled, cut it off the head and into slices.
6. Remove the skin from the tongue and thinly slice. Cut the belly into thin slices as well.
7. In a large bowl, combine the pickle and the all the meat.
8. Serve with steamed sweet potato or breadfruit and steamed pudding.

Audience Participation Treasure hunt crossword

Every clue comes from a story in this month's paper. How many can you find?

- ACROSS**
- 3. Propel Hazelwood had one of these at its back-to-school Open House.
 - 7. You will be able to get these at Dylamato's after October 5.
 - 11. The Blocks salute these unique features of Hazelwood.
 - 12. These ecosystems give us shade and prevent landslides.
 - 13. Two of these now work at Hazelwood Initiative. Learn about them on page 2.
 - 16. Donate these at the library for the Light-Up-Night tree giveaway.
 - 17. Three Rivers Village School has one of these to help a neighborhood child attend.
 - 18. Marcia Reid salutes women who are this to her in her appreciation.
 - 19. You can now use this to pay for a bus ride in Pittsburgh.



- DOWN**
- 1. Residents of the Run had two of these last summer.
 - 2. JADA House International gave these away at its Blastoff event in August.
 - 4. You can get one for free on October 19 if you live in Hazelwood.
 - 5. Vicar Janssen says Jesus has this for you.
 - 6. The Industrial Arts Workshop teaches teenagers to do this in its afterschool program.
 - 8. Plant this popular seasoning and vampire repellent this month.
 - 9. The most dangerous part of any street.
 - 10. Jim McCue says the time is this.
 - 14. The historic building on Monongahela Street.
 - 15. Kris DiPietro shares her views on this kind of project.
 - 19. If you want to run a place that sells this, contact Dave Brewton.

Crossword key on Page 23

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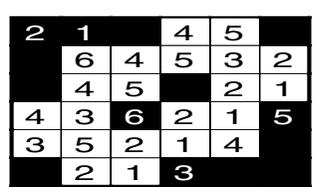
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How to beat **Str8ts** – Like Sudoku, no single number 1 to 9 can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into **compartments**. Each compartment must form a **straight** – a set of numbers with **no gaps** but it can be in any order, eg [7,6,9,8]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed.



To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

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The master antioxidant of the human body is the tripeptide Glutathione. Many biochemical processes are regulated, modified, or initiated by this crucial chemical. Glutathione is normally found in human tissues.

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Clinical practice uses:

Anti-aging - increases length of telomeres

Increases the micro-circulation in the tissues-better oxygenation of tissues.

Erectile dysfunction - glutathione stimulates nitric oxide and increases blood flow. May be used in women to stimulate clitoral blood flow. This may not be an overnight effect; may need to use oral Glutathione for 4-5 months first.

Powerful antiviral and antifungal, and anti-inflammatory.

Liver toxicity - Hepatitis due to chemicals, alcohol, or viral infection

Any condition that one would prescribe a steroid as the anti-inflammatory glutathione is superior to any steroid- with no side effects. Applied topically to Tendonitis, Arthritis, JOINTS, or other inflammatory condition, it will decrease pain and inflammation.

Faster healing in knee, hip replacement surgery.

Immune function - Increased levels of Natural Killer cells, Antiviral for HIV, Hepatitis C, and all Herpes infections, Epstein Barr, Chronic

Fatigue. Use as an adjunct in cancer therapy.

Warts - remove the pain of Planters warts quickly, can be used for HPV warts.

Finger and toenail fungus applied topically - coat entire digit, apply all over nail. Nail skin health-skin around nails that is cracked or ragged

Wound healing - This is not a sterile product-so it is applied around wounds. It can be applied to bedsores, that HAVE NOT BROKEN THE SKIN

Skin - Glutathione stimulates and rebuilds cartilage, increases connective tissue, Great for under eye bags, lids of eyes. Moisturizes dry, flaky or damaged skin.

Can be used as an antiperspirant and deodorant, apply a small amount under arm after bathing or showering once daily. Antiperspirants and deodorants are some of the most toxic substances you can put on your body.

Psoriasis/Eczema/Rosacea, Age Spots, Hyper Pigmented Skin, Actinic Keratosis, Sunburn, Hemorrhoids Cold sores on the lips, resolves the herpes zoster infection

Heart - Atrial fibrillation-complete resolution in chronic atrial fibrillation

Eyes - improved night vision, arrests macular degeneration, improves cataracts (applied under eyes), improved glaucoma

Ears - improved hearing in some cases (anti-inflammatory effect), lessening of dizziness in some vertigo cases.

Blood - Iron deficient anemia resolved, improved glutathione levels in RBC's

Neuropathic pain or Diabetic Neuropathy as the circulation of blood is improved by Glutathione-attenuated or totally removed pain from feet and legs

Post Herpetic pain relieved-if applied early enough, it also resolves Herpes Zoster infection. (Shingles)

Lungs - Asthma, COPD, Emphysema with success

Brain injury - help in healing through anti-inflammatory effects

Parkinson's Disease (tremors subsided in several cases after 3 months of use)

ADHD, Alzheimer's, Autism, ALS, Fibromyalgia, Carpal Tunnel syndrome, Lupus, Rheumatoid Ar-

thritis, Arthritis-Topical Glutathione improves symptoms greatly.

Sports medicine - greater endurance, faster recovery, better oxygenation of tissue, brain trauma due to injury, increased performance.

Topical Glutathione Palmitate can help with the 5% of people who get Tendon Rupture Syndrome or nerve damage from drugs like Levaquin or Cipro(fluoroquinolones) - relieves pain and inflammation of the tendon.

Adrenal health - helps restore adrenal function from burnout and important in energy production in the cells.

Dosing:

There is no toxicity with glutathione-it is likened to water in its safety. 400mg/kg has safely been given to animals weighing less than 10 kilos with no side effects.

Typical dose for a 150lb adult is 300mg/day. Typical kid's dosing

is 150mg-200mg per day depending on the condition being treated. Typically, a 300mg dose of oral Acetylated Glutathione yields 75% glutathione or about 260mg. (500-600mg every 24 hours has been used in Chronic Fatigue, HIV, Liver disease, and COPD)

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Hazelwood Initiative and The Community Builders, Inc. have partnered to redevelop the former Gladstone School located in Pittsburgh's Hazelwood neighborhood into affordable apartments.

- The Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Western PA will conduct a trainer-based NCCER accredited training program.
- The first module will be CORE focused and involve approximately 50 hrs of classroom time covering Safety, Tools, Employability, Rigging, Construction Drawings, Construction Math, Large Tools/Machinery, and construction site communication.
- The team will assist in placing graduates into construction jobs at Gladstone School upon completion.

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Up to 12 months of late rent payments and 3 months of future payments can be made--typically within 2 weeks of application. You must apply online.

If you don't have a computer or mobile device, you can go to a drop-in center or make an appointment for a phone intake (slightly slower) by calling Action Housing at (412) 248-0021.

You do not need to be a citizen. Interpretation services available. A social security number is not required.

Documents needed:

- W-2 or 1040 or 1099 tax forms, paystubs
- SSI or Unemployment determination letter
- Lease agreement signed by landlord and tenant
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Plant a tree from the ReLeaf Greater Hazelwood tree giveaway October 19

By Juliet Martinez

Residents of Greater Hazelwood can get a tree to plant on October 19. The giveaway will happen in the Hazelwood Initiative parking lot across from Rite Aid from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on October 19. Most trees will be small enough to fit in a car or be taken home on a bus. Dogwood, viburnum, muscledwood, redbud and serviceberry trees will be available.

Residents must pre-register for this event. Register at <https://tree-pittsburgh.square.site/product/greater-hazelwood/250>. You may also scan the QR code on the Re-Leaf Hazelwood ad in this issue.

"Adopting a tree for your home allows you to take ownership and ultimately to help grow the tree canopy of your community," said Kelsey Munsick, Community Tree Specialist with Tree Pittsburgh. "At Tree Pittsburgh we see it as a way that folks can help fight climate change from their backyard."

Things to think about when picking a spot for your tree

How tall will your tree be when it is full-grown? How wide will its canopy be? Will it drop its leaves in the fall? How long will it take to grow to full size? How much soil, water and sunlight will it need? Will it produce fruit that will fall onto a sidewalk or car?

Tall and narrow trees take up less space, while round or v-shaped trees offer the best shade. And only plant on land you own or have permission to plant on. Once you have picked the right spot for your new tree, get ready to transplant it.

How to plant your tree so it grows well

You will need a shovel, pruners or scissors, and gardening gloves. Get two long wooden stakes and a six-foot length of wire fencing or mesh for a protective cage around your tree.

First dig a hole about as deep as the container your tree is in and twice as wide. Then gently remove the tree's root ball from the container and cut off any matted, circular growth. Trimming allows the roots to spread out and support the tree. Also remove roots on the bottom or sides that have curved to follow the angle of the pot.

Now measure the root ball against

the hole you have prepared. If necessary, backfill the hole a little. It should be only deep enough that the point where the base of the tree flares into the roots - the root flare - is exposed.

Place the tree in the hole and make sure it is level. Combine any potting mixture that came off of the root ball with the dirt you removed from the hole. Mound the soil around the tree, leaving the root flare exposed. Tamp the soil down and add a thin layer of mulch.

Tall and narrow trees take up less space, while round or v-shaped trees offer the best shade.

Finally, hammer the wooden stakes into the ground on opposite sides of the tree. Keep them a safe distance from the root ball. Use zip ties to attach your cage material to the stakes. Finally, close it around the tree so no deer, rabbits or other animals can harm your tree.

Congratulations! You have planted a tree. If you care for it well, your tree will offer you shade in the summer and shelter in the winter for years to come.

If you want to learn more about taking care of trees, sign up for the virtual Tree Tenders training. The course is free for Greater Hazelwood residents. Classes will be on October 15, 22, and 29, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. Call (412) 781-8733 or email info@treepittsburgh.org for more information. Pre-register at <http://treepittsburgh.org/releaftreetenders> to attend.

Treasure Hunt Crossword Key

Across	Down
3. COOKOUT	1. FLOODS
7. GROCERIES	2. BOOKBAGS
11. STAIRS	4. TREE
12. FORESTS	5. COMPASSION
13. INTERNS	6. WELDING
16. DECORATIONS	8. GARLIC
17. GRANT	9. INTERSECTIONS
18. FRIENDS	10. NOW
19. CELLPHONE	14. LIBRARY
	15. HOUSING
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