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ABOVE: Cierra Blye reads to children in the Reading Warriors program. Read the full story starting below right. Photo by Katy Frey

## Traffic and Parking Detoured during Penn Reconstruction

By Carolyn Ristau

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

Bloomfield/Garfield – Phase 1 of the Penn Ave reconstruction project, extending from Mathilda to Evaline Street, broke ground the week of Aug. 19 and will continue in stages through December 2014.

During reconstruction, one half of the street will be open at all times to inbound traffic. Outbound traffic will be rerouted

via Main Street, Liberty Avenue, Baum Boulevard and Negley Avenue.

Parking on Penn Avenue will be permitted along the open lane. Aggie Brose, deputy director of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC), has been working with Ashley Holloway, Residential Permit Parking Program (RPPP) coordinator at the Department of City

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## Homeownership Project Winding Down

By Joe Reuben  
The Bulletin

Garfield – What began in 2002 as a somewhat audacious effort to try and re-invigorate the housing market in Garfield is coming to an end this fall, when the last four of 48 single-family homes to be built in the neighborhood since then go under sales agreement.

replace blighted vacant lots and housing with new, energy-efficient, three-bedroom homes on sites scattered across the western half of the neighborhood. The two organizations developed 47 units, and the 48th was built and sold by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh.

The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC), in partnership with Garfield Jubilee Association (GJA), launched the “Homeownership Choice” project to

“You have to remember that when we started, there was lot of skepticism that people would step forward and pay \$100,000 or more for a new home in

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## Boosting Chances for Ex-Offenders

By Jill Harkins The Bulletin

Garfield – On Tuesday, Aug. 6, the Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center (ENEC) hosted an Ex-Offenders Employment Event, in

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## Kids Read to Kids in Literacy Program

By Katy Frey Neighborhood Learning Alliance

Garfield – This summer, the Reading Warriors program, a Neighborhood Learning Alliance initiative, hired 30 high school students to

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## How “WERK” Gets Done

By Christine Bethea Bulletin Contributor

Lawrenceville – There's work. And then there is WERK with an “e,” which is how Jenn Gooch spells it when it pertains to her business at

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ABOVE: Garfield celebrated National Night Out on Aug. 6 with a variety of activities, including a kids' craft table hosted by Assemble. See full story on page 5. Photo by Minette Vaccariello

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**SHOWCASE OF THE MONTH**



ABOVE: At the corner of Fairfield and Antoinette Streets stands this colorful garden and beautifully maintained home. Photo by Paula Martinac

**Like a Country House in the City**

by Aggie Brose  
Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

*Stanton Heights* – As you travel the streets of Stanton Heights, you spot many very attractive, well-maintained homes with outstanding landscaping. But as you approach the corner of Fairfield and Antoinette Streets, it’s almost like being transported to a country setting.

The front garden of 1024 Fairfield St. is a sea of mixed annuals and perennials, with not a weed in sight. The colorful flowers complement the red-brick house with its white trim, fenced-in side porch and welcoming front door, decorated with a floral wreath. A stately Japanese maple tree stands watch over the garden, and an American flag flaps proudly in the breeze. A peek into the back yard shows it is also filled with beautiful flowers.

According to the Allegheny County website, the owner of public record is Margaret A. Lyle, who acquired the house in 2009.

We would like to thank Ms. Lyle for choosing Stanton Heights as her home and providing the neighborhood with its own Phipps Conservatory. As you pass her home, enjoy a peaceful moment and remember to take time to smell the roses. ♦

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**Parking** *from page 1*

Planning, to understand the alternative parking options during reconstruction.

Mr. Holloway told Ms. Brose that residents and businesses with even-numbered addresses between 4800 and 5170 Penn Ave. are eligible to apply for a parking permit for Area H. In addition, residents and businesses with odd-numbered addresses between 4827 and 4901 are eligible to apply for a parking permit for Area I. Businesses can get up to one permit and residents can get one permit per vehicle registered at their address.

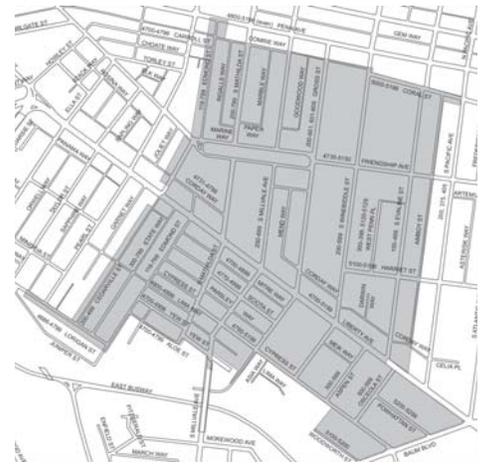
According to the RPPP website, permits cost \$20 per vehicle per program year. A Visitor’s Parking Pass is also available for \$1 per address. Only one visitor’s pass is permitted per address. Passes can be obtained through the RPPP Office at 412-560-2500.

Short-term and overnight parking is permitted within the RPPP zones. Area H restricts parking without a permit to one hour between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Area I restricts parking without a permit to one hour between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

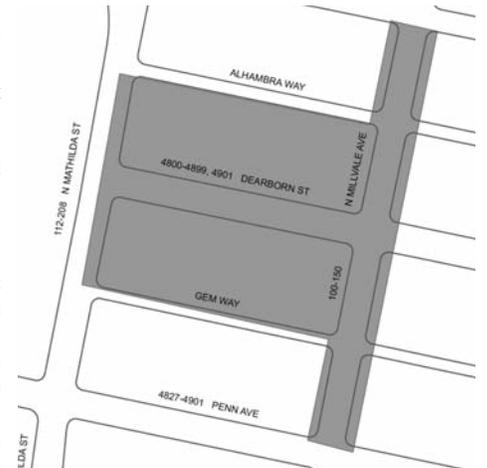
All the streets in Garfield, excluding those in Area I, have unrestricted, free parking.

Any eligible resident or business owner

interested in applying for the Area H or I parking permit should contact Mr. Holloway at 412-393-0162. ♦



ABOVE: Boundaries of Area H parking.



ABOVE: Boundaries of Area I parking.



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