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WELCOME TO
LU'S
SPRING/ SUMMER
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING

May 29, 2013
St. Augustine's
6:30 pm

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ABOUT LAWRENCEVILLE :

- One of the largest neighborhoods in the City
- Almost 5,000 residences, approx. 9,500 people
 - 29% BELOW poverty line in Lawrenceville on a whole
 - 29% of the population is 60 years of age and older
 - Median Income: \$29,539
 - 16 % housing stock is vacant
 - 53 % rental units/ 47 % homeownership
 - Growing population of 18 - 34 year olds
- Crime has decreased 59% between 2002 and 2011
- Real estate appreciation values rising
- 35 new businesses opened over last 18 months



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ABOUT LAWRENCEVILLE UNITED:

Mission: To improve the overall quality of life for all Lawrenceville residents and stakeholders through community engagement and advocacy, community beautification and restoration, and community planning and development

- An inclusive, non-profit, resident-driven, community-based organization
- Formed in 2001
- Over 900 members
- Full-time staff, extensive volunteer base, strong collaborative partnerships
- Board of Directors - all residents
- Annual Operating Budget of \$250,000

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BOARD ELECTIONS:

- LU Board of Directors consists of 10-13 elected members who are in good standing and have been members for at least 6 months
- By-laws of LU permit the election of 6 members, 2 members from each section or “ward” of Lawrenceville, during each “odd year”, and 4-7 board at-large members every “even year”.
- 2013 is an odd year - and we will be electing 2 members from each ward, as well as filling 1 vacant at-large seats - voting for 7 total candidates.
- All current general members of Lawrenceville United who are at least 18 years old, are permitted to vote in this election.
- You can complete this ballot and turn it in tonight or drop it off or mail it to Lawrenceville United by June 12th

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BOARD ELECTIONS:

Current Members:

- Donnie Freyer
- Deirdre Kane (Secretary)
- Molly Johnson (Treasurer)
- Harry Geyer
- Jenny Skrinjar
- Susan VanAlstine

Candidates:

- Tony Ceoffe (6th Ward) (Vice- President)*
- James Petruzzi (6th Ward)*
- Barbara Kelly (9th Ward)*
- Nancy Leff (9th Ward)
- Steve Sokoloski (9th Ward)*
- Nancy Bittner (10th Ward)*
- Molly Szramowski (10th Ward)
- Dora Walmsley (10th Ward)
- Write-in candidate: _____

Please vote for no more than 7 candidates!

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Community Engagement/ Advocacy

- Engaged more than 2,000 residents through more than 40 community meetings.
- Implemented a community process around new development projects, significant changes in zoning, land use changes that both residents and developers support and participate in.
- Landlord Assistance Program created and is implementing a series of Landlord Training Programs
 - 25 landlords, representing more than 250 Lawrenceville rental properties participated
 - Code violations are decreasing, as well as criminal activity
 - Hundreds of thousands of dollars in increased investment from investment property owners and tenants are connected with resources

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Community Engagement/ Advocacy (cont.)

AdvantAGE Program :

- Mixers
- Engaged more than 150 residents over the age of 60
- AdvantAGE Card Program
- Connecting residents to home improvement programs to help with aging in place - June 19th Event!
- Mini-grants for activities/ events! - Released June 19th!



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Community Engagement/ Advocacy (cont.)

Youth Programs - Summer Celebration!

- UPMC stepped up as Sponsor! Registration Underway!
- New Partnership with YMCA, trained counselors, swim lessons, and more!
- June 24th - August 2nd @ Pittsburgh Arsenal 6-8



Education Organizing!

- New LU staff person - Project Coordinator
- Top priority issue - education and school choices for neighborhood families

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Community Engagement and Advocacy

- **Block Watch Network**
 - 5 regular/ standing block watches
 - Public safety information and MORE!
- **Community Events:**
 - Love Your Block Day! - June 15th
 - Turning a paper street between Sunoco and the Moose into passive greenspace
 - Independence Day Celebration - July 6th
 - National Night Out - August 6th
 - New greenspace near Moose!
 - Children's Halloween Party - October 26th
 - Light Up Lawrenceville - December 7th

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Community Restoration and Beautification

- Community Clean Ups:

- Engaged more than 700 volunteers in community restoration and clean up activities in 2013 - 2014 = \$10,000 value
- Collected 265 bags of trash and debris, shopping carts, tires, and more
- Park Clean Ups, Riverfront Clean Ups, Community Clean Ups



- Trees and Streetscape Greening:

- Planted 150 trees throughout Lawrenceville
- Maintained 500 + trees
- Installed 65 window-boxes as an alternative greenscape strategy through Love Your Block Program



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Community Restoration and Beautification

- Lawrenceville Tree Park
 - Support LVTT
 - Completed the Lawrenceville Tree Park
- Lawrenceville Dog Park : Bernard Dog Run
 - Support Dog Park Committee
 - Raised funds and identified sponsors and partners to create the City's first independently created dog park
 - \$70,000 project - leveraged all resources with staff and volunteer time
- Community Gardens
 - Stewarded 6 community gardens with partners
- Convening Sustainable Community Collaborative
 - FAP, Bernard Dog Run, LVTT, LOCG, Farmer's Market, Gtech, Greenscapes Initiative, WPC, other greening, clean-up, environmental health organizations

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Community Restoration and Beautification

- Quality of Life Database
 - 1,300 calls relative to quality of life issues in past 6 months.
- Neighborhood Maintenance Manager
 - Regular Sidewalk sweeping, graffiti removal, neighborhood maintenance



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Sep 24, 2011 10:31 AM



Sep 24, 2011 10:30 AM



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Community Planning and Development

Responsible Hospitality Plan:

- Coordinates the Responsible Hospitality Committee with the LC, community process, and planning efforts.
- Established 9 Conditional Licenses with new or expanding liquor-licensed establishments to help mitigate their negative impact on the existing and adjacent community.
- Exploring the potential implementation of a zoning overlay to protect the district
- Will launch awareness campaign to encourage responsible operation and patronage

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Public Safety Planning:

Public Safety Action Team

- LU is working with partner agencies to continue to target areas of blight with coordinated enforcement strategies to hold property owners accountable, or to apply pressure for improvements.
- 7 prioritized demolitions, with planned sideyard/ lot reuse
- 28 improved properties (through court action or citations)
- Traffic issues
- Night-time entertainment issues - Walk through in June with Commander and BBI

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- Upper Lawrenceville Plan :
 - Completed Upper Lawrenceville Plan!
 - Implementation Underway - Duncan Playground



2012-2013
Accomplishments

- Parking Plan:
 - Identified and raised funds with LC to complete a parking study for the Lawrenceville business corridor.
 - LC has convened a Parking Committee to oversee implementation

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2012-2013
Accomplishments

Community Planning and Development

- Allegheny Riverfront Vision/ Green Boulevard Plan:
 - Completed Green Boulevard Plan with Steering Committee.
 - Served as Lawrenceville community / residents representative
 - Identified actions for moving forward to implement bike/ ped path.
- Iron City Master Planning:
 - Continuing to represent membership and residents in master-planning process for Iron City Brewery. Close to completion.
- Lawrenceville Planning Team/ Project-Specific Planning:
 - Stewarding development according to community plans

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- Vacant Lot/ House Reuse Programs:
 - Sold 5231 Natrona Way through RFP
 - Sold 10 vacant lots to become sideyards to adjacent property owners.
- 40th/ Mintwood Housing Development:
 - Working to develop a plan with a developer for the 40th/ Mintwood lot
 - Will begin construction 2014
- Development Assistance:
 - LU continues to connect developers with resources, and to residents to help facilitate development. Work around youth, seniors, and public safety also sets a foundation where development becomes attractive and feasible.

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Before



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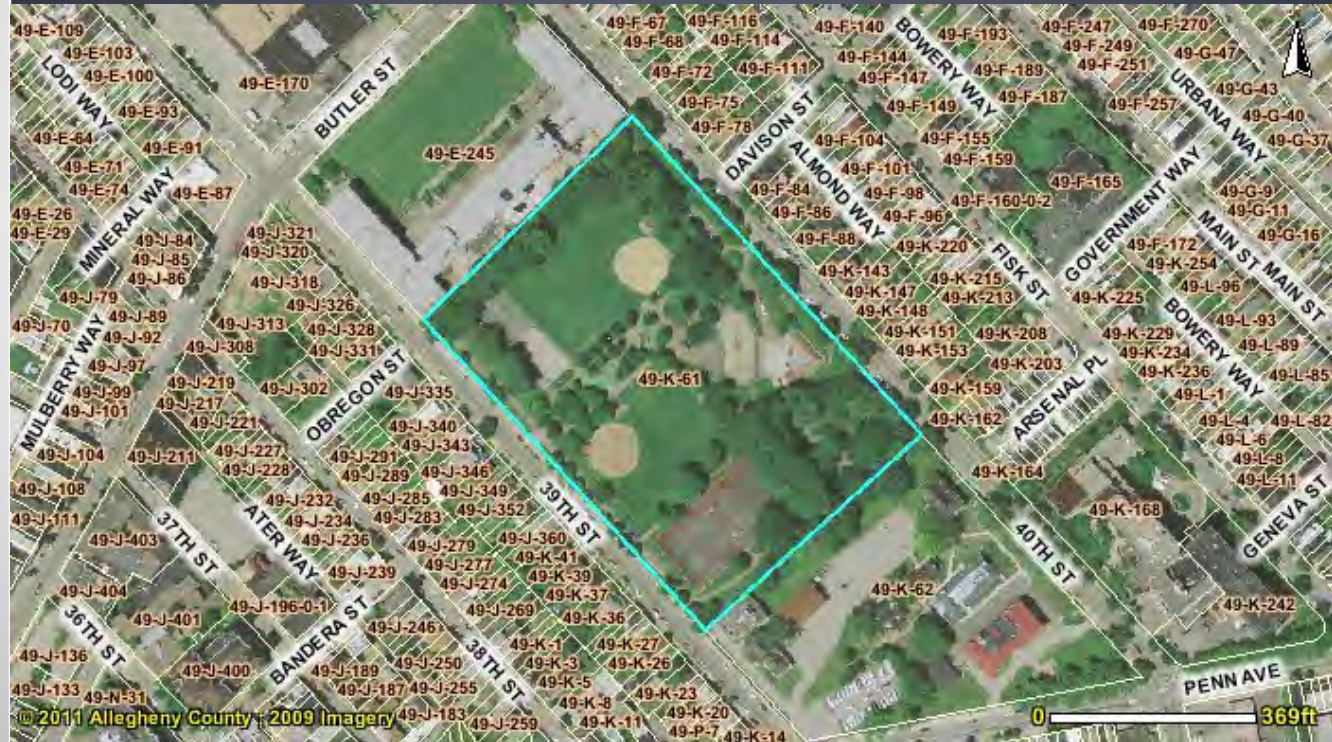
- Farmer's Market:
 - Continue to build Farmer's Market with local vendors and increased participation.
 - THIS SATURDAY! 12:30 - 4:00
- Lawrenceville WORKS!:
 - Connect new businesses and development projects with local employment base through a coordinated program with Goodwill.
 - June 20th - 4 - 7pm, Goodwill!
- Arsenal Park Planning:
 - Support Friends of Arsenal Park
 - Identify funding to support a masterplan for Arsenal Park.
 - Complete Master-plan

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PARTNERS

Given today's economic climate, limited funding, and through thoughtful collaboration- LU partners with public and private organizations and agencies to ensure duplication of efforts is avoided and time, money, and energy utilized efficiently and effectively.

Allegheny Cleanways	Lawrenceville Organic Community Garden
Allegheny County: Department of Human Services	Lawrenceville Stakeholders
Allegheny Courts - CSP Program	Lawrenceville Tree Tenders
Allegheny Valley Bank	Local Lawrenceville Businesses
Boys and Girls Club	Mayor Luke Ravensathl
Career Connections Charter High School	Nuisance Bar Task Force
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Lawrenceville	Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl
Center for Victims of Violent Crime	PA Connecting Communities
City of Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, BBI, Public Works, Planning, Parks, Real Estate, URA, PWSA, Housing Authority	PCRG
Councilman Patrick Dowd	Pittsburgh Arsenal 6-8
DCED	Pittsburgh Arsenal preK - 5
Design Center	Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development
East End Neighborhood Employment Center	Pittsburgh Soccer in the Communities
East End Partnership Organizations	PNC Bank
Free Ride	Senator James Ferlo
Friends of Arsenal Park	Senior Center
Friends of the Library	Shop n' Save
Girl Scouts	Somali-Bantu Organization
Goodwill of Southwestern PA	Southwestern Family Services
Green Lawrenceville	Three Rivers Rowing
Grow Pittsburgh	UPMC Health Plan
GTech	Urban Redevelopment Authority
Lawrenceville Corporation	Tree Pittsburgh
	Verizon Foundation
	Weed and Seed Steering Committee
	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

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THANK YOU!



Thank you to our Members!

Questions?
Concerns?