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Saying Good Bye to an Old Friend

Jim Richter

We mourn the recent loss of Gerry Gardner, a dear friend and man of many noted accomplishments. Gerry lived in Hazelwood along with his wife of 59 years, Dr. Jo Ann Evansgardner.

Gerald H.F. Gardner was born in County Offaly, Ireland, in 1926. He graduated from Trinity College in Dublin in 1948 with degrees in mathematics and theoretical physics. A year later, he received his master's in applied mathematics from Carnegie Mellon University, then Carnegie Tech. By 1953, Gerry had completed his doctorate in mathematical physics from Princeton University and from 1950 through 1955 was an honorary scholar at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Dublin. His post as technical liaison with mainland China was recognized by the National Academy of Sciences and the United Nations.

After teaching for a time at Trinity College, CMU and Cornell University, Gerry worked for 24 years at Gulf Research and Development in Harmarville. There he focused on seismic imaging and high-performance engines. In 1980 he became director of electrical engineering and director of the Allied

Geophysical Laboratories at the University of Houston. After teaching there for 10 years, he joined Rice University as professor of geophysics.

In Pittsburgh, many know of Gerry for his social activism. His advocacy helped advance women's rights and racial justice movements including ending the gender discrimination in newspaper want ads in 1973 and racial and gender discrimination in the hiring of Pittsburgh police officers in 1975. He used mathematics to substantiate the wages lost by women due to job discrimination in successful court cases against G.C. Murphy Co. and Kroger's Super Markets. Both Gerry and Jo Ann have served on the National Organization for Women's national board of directors.

Here in Hazelwood, Gerry, along with Jo Ann, became leaders in CHOKE (Citizens Helping our Communities) to successfully oppose the rebuilding of a coke processing facility on the LTV Steel site by Sunoco Chemicals. As a result of his mathematical skill and scientific expertise, Gerry particularly was able to debunk Sunoco's allegations that negative

effects on air quality from the new coke works would be minimal.

Soon after, Gerry and Jo Ann became active members of Hazelwood Initiative, serving on the Nuisance sub-committee. Then when the proposed Mon Fayette Expressway gained momentum, Gerry and Jo Ann spent countless hours reviewing the Environmental Impact Statement filed by the Turnpike Commission with the Federal Highway Administration. Not only did Gerry object to the Turnpike's projections on increased air pollution, he pointed out faulty projections on noise levels. Most importantly, he believed that the EIS grossly neglected important issues of social justice—the right and opportunity of all people “to benefit equally from the resources afforded them by society and the environment.” In this case, the community of Hazelwood stood to suffer greatly from negative impacts of the expressway.

I knew Gerry to be a kind and gentle person who cared deeply about humanity and who was not afraid to speak his mind when confronted with issues of inequality and injustice. He was a good friend to Hazelwood. He will be sadly missed.

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NEXT DEADLINE
August 14, 2009

UNITY THROUGH THE



Churches

Unity Day
August 14, 2009
5:30pm

**Corner of Tecumseh
Street
and Second Avenue**

For More Information:
Rev. Mike Murray
(412) 521-3910

HI LITES

Meeting commenced at 6:30 PM, called to order by Chairperson Deloris Livsey

Introduction of visitors

Reading of the Mission Statement/ Reading of the Meeting Etiquette by Chair Deloris Livsey

June membership meeting minutes: Motion was made to approve June minutes, Second – all in favor

Treasurer's Report: motion was made to approve Treasurer's report, second – All in favor

Hazelwood Harvest presentation: Lauren Byrne from the Mayor's office represented Green UP

Marian Allen, Hazelwood Harvest Board President

Introduction of Hazelwood Harvest Board

Chuck Christen: PPT presentation: Mission, Vision;

Current projects, Joe McCarthy, Sara Dora, Father Neil McCaulley, Rev. Les Boone, Alex Bodnar

Statements/Responses following presentation:

-Statement 1: misunderstanding – need of communication; need to be informed of what is going on; last year COMMUNICATION BEFORE something happened. Response: everyone wants to come to a mutually agreeable solution

-Statement 2: 8 years in Hazelwood; good thing for the kids, cut the grass and cleaned the lot and city was thankful

-Statement 3: Concern as to where the food goes, and who can have food from the gardens. Response: Approximately 20 people per week receive food. Also deliveries have been made to the

Hazelwood Towers Hi-Rise. It is a community garden with a steward to insure equitable distribution.

There will be a meeting scheduled through Lauren Byrne (Mayor's Green Up) with Hazelwood Harvest and the local neighbors to clarify the Hazelwood Harvest Project.

Steelers tickets – August – Jim – based off lottery – for Buffalo game

Charter School Proposal Presentation

Sarah Martin – thanks to the festival this past Saturday

What is a charter school?

-Karen Rollins-Fitch: Jake Wheatley's office representative

-Floyd Titus

-Lorraine – What if you could design your own school?

Gives you choice – teaching, teachers, etc.

Parents part of the school

Not just certain students

Performance contract

Where ALL students are educated

Sarah Martin - Community Leadership

3 foci: – **Gender specific model**

–speaks to learning style; **leadership development;**

community service:

respect elders, environment, government

Deloris Livsey - Application process:

Curriculum, letters of support, BOE copy; public hearing; all speakers must be registered; interview charter board; recommendations to board; superintendent noted weaknesses,

IMAGINE in process of resubmitting; WHERE ARE WE IN THIS PROCESS? Late this Summer

Bonnie – College educator: **What's happening with Charter schools?**

3 charter schools in Pittsburgh

have had national recognition.

Also Urban League (bronze award)

Provide education suited for the needs of gender

Needs to be responsive to

Parents, neighborhood

Mr. Lutual Love- Headstart – struggle with change.

Do we have the right for any school? K-8 for start...

Need to plant a seed

Struggling with different organizations

Bring our children back home – Now, parents say they can't get

to their children's schools because of either no cars or bus service

inadequate

Testimonies/Endorsements:

-Jane (Janet) – community person on the City/ County task force on people with disabilities. Garden

-Maxine Wilson (Helen official name) 1953 – Glen Hazel briefly moved to Northside

Cyrene Bey –taught all different areas, was at Propel (ethic award) and urban league

-Educating the whole child

-Take child where they are – give them what they need to get to the common end

-Can HUG

Community around the children – whole school works with children

Dr. Moriarty - Curriculum –

-Teachers will be trained to deal with the gender based education

-Public – all same curriculum – fairy tales – girls yes, boys, no

-Make sure all children can perform

-Innovative with prudence

More comments:

Mr. Titus – grandson - NHS three years running,

Doug Shields: Getting to school

Theresa Colasei

Can appeal at state level – city of Pittsburgh residents taxes go there,

State gives a little money;

Kris DiPietro– **Membership** - \$12/ year

Unity Day - Meeting July 21, 2009 at Keystone Church. THEME: Unity of the Churches

Carnegie Library – town meetings on several dates because of potential closures.

Chair Deloris Livsey called for the meeting to be adjourned. All in favor – 8:44 PM adjourned

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Hazelwood Initiative, Inc. Mission Statement

Hazelwood Initiative, Inc., acts as a catalyst for the revitalization of the Greater Hazelwood community, provides leadership to create a healthy community, and serves as a community resource and advocate.



What's Up?

NOTICES CONCERNING

SilverSneakers Program, is a low intensity exercise program designed for senior citizens. The program is year round from 10:00AM - 10:45AM, Mon. Wed. & Fri. For more information, please contact Lisa Reihl at (412) 421-5648 ext. 10.

If interested in starting NA/AA meetings at the Hazelwood YMCA, please contact Carole Jordan at (412) 421-5648 ext. 13.

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(412) 973-5010



Walk for Fun and Fitness!

Come join the Hazelwood Senior Center Walking Club!

Meet at the Senior Center every Tuesday at 10 a.m. for a walk around Hazelwood.

Free Pedometers for all participants!
Don't forget to wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes!

Hazelwood Food Co-operative
Follow up Plan Meeting

Wednesday,
August 18, 2009
7:00pm

Carbarn
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Food Bank

The Food Pantry is a need-based program for low-income families. The third Thursday of every month from 10:00AM - 12:00PM.

Located at the Hazelwood YMCA, 4713 Chatsworth Ave. Please bring proof of income, address and ID.

Strong Communities Campaign. We also offer special rates to families with more than one child. For information, contact the YMCA at 412.421.5648ext11.

St. Stephen Parish

Parish Office Hours

6:15AM – 2:30PM Monday thru Friday
Phone: (412) 421-9210

Religious Education Office

Sunday ONLY
Phone: (412) 421-4748

Weekday Masses

7:30AM - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
Noon – Wednesday
8:00AM & 4:00PM – Saturday

Sunday Masses

8:00AM and 11:00AM

Confession

3:45PM Saturday (before 4PM Mass)



St. Stephen Parish
5115 Second Avenue
Fr. Neil McCaulley
412-421-9210

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2nd & Johnston
Rev. Huett Fleming
412-421-8497

Keystone Church of Hazelwood
161 Hazelwood Avenue
Rev. Tim Smith
412-521-3468

First Hungarian Reformed Church of Pittsburgh
221 Johnston Avenue
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412-421-0279

St. Paul's Lutheran
5319 Second Avenue
412-521-0844

Hazelwood Christian Church
118 Glen Caladh Street
Rev. Jim Herbst
412-421-9908

Morningstar Baptist Church
5524 Second Avenue
Rev. Malachi Smith
412-421-6269

St. John The Evangelist Baptist Church
4537 Chatsworth Street
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412-521-0994

Hazelwood Presbyterian Church
5000 Second Avenue
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412-421-0947

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247 Johnston Avenue
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412-521-1901

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4944 Second Avenue
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412-422-2588

Greater New Hope Baptist Church
(412) 521-6051
5401 2nd Avenue

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Rite Church
(412)421-0243
506 Saline Street

St Rosalia's Catholic Church
(412) 421-5766
4005 Murray Avenue

Squirrel Hill Christian Church
(412) 521-2447
290 Bigelow Street, PGH, PA 15207

Holy Angels Parish
(412)461-9503
408 Baldwin Road, Hays, 15207

Frequently Asked 311 Questions:

What is Mayor Luke Ravenstahl's Response Line - 311?

311 is the City's phone number for government information and non-emergency services.

Why 311?

311 allows you to call one easy-to-remember number in order to receive information and access to City government services.

How does Pittsburgh's 311 work?

311 service representatives use a state-of-the-art data base of information and services about City government. 311 works closely with other City agencies to maintain the most current information possible.

When is 311 available?

All calls to 311 are answered by a live operator from 8:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

How do I reach Pittsburgh's 311?

In the City of Pittsburgh, dial 3-1-1. Outside of Pittsburgh, call (412) 255-2621, or use the 311 Form online.



Let Us Know What's Up

Contact Us with Information about Your Community Group, Church, Friends & Neighbors

Hazelwood Homepage
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Community cannot for long feed on itself; it can only flourish with the coming of others from beyond, their unknown and undiscovered brothers. - Howard Thurman

For more What's Up and other information concerning your community, see page 7.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

City of Pittsburgh

“America’s Most Livable City”

Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

On behalf of Hazelwood Initiative and the Hazelwood Homepage, we would like to apologize to the Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl for errors in the last month’s issue. We have reprinted the article correctly in its entirety.

Dear Neighbors,

The global and national spotlight continues to shine on Pittsburgh. On May 28th, it was announced that President Obama has chosen Pittsburgh to host the G-20 Economic Summit. World leaders from more than 20 countries will be gathering in

Pittsburgh on September 24-25, 2009. President Obama noted that Pittsburgh was chosen because it “has seen its share of economic woes in the past, but because of foresight and investment is now renewed, giving birth to renewed industries that are creating the jobs of the future.” World leaders will see firsthand how our City has successfully faired the economic tides and has become a model for economic and environmental transformation in the United States.

We have been working feverishly preparing for the G-20 Summit. We have heard from many residents and businesses that they

would like to take part in the planning process. I want to encourage you to log on to the Pittsburgh G-20 Partnership web site (www.pittsburghg20.org) to share your best ideas and sign up to volunteer.

Not only is Pittsburgh being highlighted for our successful businesses and resilient economy, but the Economist magazine has once again named Pittsburgh as “America’s Most Livable City.” Pittsburgh ranked higher than any other City in the United States based on its’ stability, health care, culture, environment, education and

infrastructure. Pittsburgh’s success story continues.

As residents of Pittsburgh, nationally we can take pride in our City, our sports teams, and that we have reclaimed the title of the “City of Champions.” We celebrated as the Steelers won the Super Bowl in February and now we congratulate the Pittsburgh Penguins on their outstanding win and for bringing the Stanley Cup back home!

Pittsburgh is a hot spot on the map and people are taking notice. 2009 continues to bring with it success and pride in our City as we continue to embark upon Pittsburgh’s third renaissance.

Law banning mandatory overtime for health-care workers now in effect

State Rep. Dan Frankel

Under a law that took effect July 1, hospitals and other health-care facilities in Pennsylvania are now prohibited from forcing nurses and other health-care professionals from working overtime shifts as a routine staffing procedure. I voted in favor of this legislation, which was passed and signed into law last year.

Under the new law, nurses and other health-care workers who provide the bulk of patient care in Pittsburgh’s hospitals and other health-care facilities can still choose to work overtime, but cannot be forced to do so regularly. This new law is not just about improved working conditions for employees – it is also about patient safety, adequate staffing in Pennsylvania hospitals and the cost of health care for everyone. Health-care workers who are overworked are more likely to make mistakes, and they are also more likely to leave the profession.

A survey by the American Nurses Association showed that half of nurses reported working as much as 10 hours beyond their normal work week, and nearly one in five said they work between 60 hours and 80 hours almost every week. In many cases, these nurses were told they had to work overtime with little or no notice. Ending forced overtime for nurses will take the pressure off the health-care workers who have the most direct contact with patients, and may help to attract new nurses – and former nurses who have left – to the profession.

It is important for health-care workers to understand the new law, how it protects them, and what recourse they have if the law is not being followed.

The state Department of Labor and Industry will enforce the law through its Bureau of Labor Law Compliance. The department has added a section to its Web site that includes Act 102, a summary of the law’s provisions, a complaint form for health-care workers to report violations and a list of frequently asked questions pertaining to the law. The Web



site is at www.dli.state.pa.us; click on the “Act 102 - Prohibition of Excessive Overtime in Health Care Act” link.

Act 102 prohibits health-care facilities in Pennsylvania from requiring health-care workers to work in excess of their agreed-to, pre-determined and regularly scheduled work shift. The law also prohibits health-care facilities from retaliating in any way against nurses and other health-care workers who do not agree to work overtime.

Exceptions exist for declared emergencies or unpredictable, extraordinary events – such as terrorism, a natural disaster or widespread disease outbreak – which substantially affect the need for health-care services. Other exemptions include unexpected staff absences discovered at or before the start of a scheduled shift, or instances where workers must stay to complete a patient care procedure already underway.

I am very pleased that by instituting Act 102, Pennsylvania has joined 14 other states that prohibit or restrict mandatory overtime for hourly or non-supervisory health-care workers involved in direct patient care or clinical care services. This law will help protect both health-care workers and their patients.

As always, please contact my office at 412-422-1774 or visit my Web site at www.pahouse.com/Frankel for more information on any of these new laws, or for assistance or information on any other state-related matter.

Wheatley helps to Advance School funding increase Proposal

State Rep. Jake Wheatley

HARRISBURG, July 16 – State Rep. Jake Wheatley, D-Allegheny, today issued this statement on the state budget:

“House Democrats are working to jump-start the stalled state budget talks. The House is spending today, and probably Friday, debating and voting on a budget bill and amendments.

“While the House budget bill is not perfect, this will give us and our colleagues the opportunity to revive the stalled negotiations with the Senate and craft a reasonable and responsible budget. We hope a vote on the final budget plan happens quickly so the impact on state services, workers and businesses can be minimized. I regret the difficult situation that the budget impasse has caused for the citizens of my legislative district, the state workers and all the children and families of the Commonwealth.

“We are facing the worst economic times since the Depression. The worldwide recession has resulted in a \$3.2 billion shortfall for the Pennsylvania budget. This budget crisis isn’t the result of overspending — it is a reflection of what has happened to our national economy over the last 20 or so months. Just since February, when the governor announced his budget proposal, the budget deficit has grown by about \$1 billion. I want to stress the fact that House Democrats are proposing more than \$2 billion of responsible cuts in our state budget, while at the same time maintaining our commitment to educating our children, providing health care to our vulnerable citizens and making strategic investments in the growth of our state’s economy.

“This will require us to make some painful cuts. However, I believe we



also have a responsibility to properly fund education, economic development, health care and public safety. The governor, the House Republicans, and the House and Senate Democrats have all recognized the need to find some increased revenues in our budget; that we cannot just cut our way out of this economically difficult situation without drastically damaging our local economies, educational institutions and safety nets for our most vulnerable citizens. For several months now, Senate Republicans have resisted using any of the Rainy Day Fund or other reserves or increased revenue sources. That is not realistic.

“I urge citizens to voice your concerns and call the Senate Republicans to tell them to join the other three caucuses and the governor in recognizing we must move forward in this process.

“Pennsylvanians can send an e-mail to Senate Republican leaders by visiting www.pahouse.com/action. Contact information for individual state senators is available at www.legis.state.pa.us.”



Location, Location, Location



When selecting a retail food store location, there are a number of characteristics which can add to, or detract from, the store's opportunity for success or failure. This is the first in a series of articles oriented toward discussing the types of issues to be considered in locating a natural food store. The first of these, location characteristics, includes such things as population density, target demographics, trade area accessibility, and retail synergy. Subsequent articles will discuss site and facility characteristics.

Population density can vary considerably depending upon the type of natural food store being planned. For example, a convenience-oriented store typically would have a relatively small trade area, such as a neighborhood or a cluster of neighborhoods in the immediate vicinity of the store (with a relatively small population base); it would not need a high degree of regional accessibility. On the other hand, a large natural food store, with a full complement of specialty departments and a large selection of products, would tend to have a trade area that is considerably larger, both in geographic size and population density. But in either case, the fact that the store is a natural/organic food store suggests

that its trade area is larger than would be served by a conventional food store at the same location.

Target demographics play an important role in the location of a natural food store. In general, natural food stores have their greatest appeal to people who are better educated (college or graduate school), with incomes that are slightly above-average, with occupation-types that are more white-collar and professional in nature, and in age groups that run from the middle 30's through the 50's. To the extent that the proposed natural food store is situated at a location that is either in the midst of such target demographics, or is readily accessible to such groups of consumers, the store will benefit in its level of convenience to these consumers.

Trade area accessibility represents the ease, or difficulty, with which consumers in the trade area can get to, and leave, the store. Because natural food stores typically have relatively large trade areas (often reaching out 8 or more miles from the store), they need relatively unimpeded access to and from the many parts of the trade area. Such access might include major arteries (surface streets that are

designed to carry large volumes of traffic), expressways (local or state routes), or even interstate highways. On the other hand, neighborhood streets typically do not provide widespread access. Good accessibility also includes favorable traffic controls: traffic signals, protected turn or acceleration lanes, curb- and median-cuts, etc. On the other hand, trade area access can be limited by natural or man-made barriers: bridges, cemeteries, industrial belts, large areas of parkland, rivers, railroad tracks, etc. In short, trade area accessibility needs to be unhampered, thereby making it as easy as possible for natural food shoppers to get to and from the store.

Retail synergy is another aspect of location characteristics that can benefit a natural food store. Generally speaking, the greater the selection of retail stores that are in the general vicinity of the natural food store, the stronger will be the allure of the store, and the greater the amount of convenience it will offer to consumers. This is particularly true when a lot of the nearby retailers have the same type of demographic appeal as does the natural food store. For example, because natural food stores typically

appeal to better educated, higher income, middle-aged consumers, stores that appeal to similar consumers will provide considerably more benefit to the natural food store than would stores that have a different demographic appeal. On the other hand, a natural food store that has little or no nearby retail synergy will, of necessity, be a destination retailer, and will thus have little "help" in attracting shoppers to its location. In summary, location characteristics can play an important role in helping a natural food store achieve profitable levels of sales. To the extent that there is a large enough trade area population, with sufficient levels of demographically in-profile consumers, and a location that is convenient with respect to trade area access and nearby retail synergy, the natural food store should be able to adequately serve its trade area consumers and generate satisfactory levels of sales.

Please feel free to contact me at (925) 833-8524 or at debbie@g2gresearch.com if you would like to find out more about store location research.



City of Pittsburgh

"America's Most Livable City"



Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

Dear Neighbors,

I hope that you have had the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful summer weather we've been having. In the upcoming weeks the new school year will begin and we will have to turn our thoughts to more serious things.

This month the City will wrap up this year's Pittsburgh Summer Youth Employment Program (PSEYP). With the help of federal stimulus dollars, federal community development money and The Pittsburgh Foundation, we were able to fund the \$1.65 million program, hiring a record 554 youths – more than double the amount employed last year. We were also able to expand the program beyond conservation work to provide business internships and 18 hours of work-readiness training. By reaching out to our youth and encouraging a good work ethic and work skills we open the door to good job opportunities and set them on a path of lifetime success.

As we gear up for the fall, I want to remind you of the great opportunities available for Pittsburgh's youth. In 2006, I made a commitment to reinvest in our students. I wanted to ensure that they were given opportunities for advancement and higher education by encouraging high school students to work hard and dream big. With that vision, Superintendent Mark Roosevelt and I launched the Pittsburgh Promise, a college scholarship program from students of the Pittsburgh Public Schools and City charter schools. In July, the Pittsburgh Promise re-



leased their first ever "Report Card to the Community." I am happy to report that in just two years, we have seen significant improvements in our schools.

For the first time in those two years, Pittsburgh families are reconsider-

ing Pittsburgh Public Schools for their children and fewer families with children are leaving the City. Proficiency levels are increasing and students of all ethnicities are enrolling in more advanced coursework. We have been able to retain 92% of the first-semester Promise scholars, which is well above national average.

Most notably, our investment of \$2.5 million has allowed us to provide 757 students with a post-secondary education in our Pennsylvania colleges and universities.

As the new school year approaches, now is the time for parents and students to recommit themselves to being "Promise Ready" so that they too can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. To view the full copy of the Pittsburgh Promise "Report Card to the Community," please log on to www.pittsburghpromise.org.

For more information on these initiatives, please contact my Office of Neighborhood Initiatives at 412-255-8680.

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

Hazelwood; Once known as Scotch Bottom

The story of Hazelwood is the story of people: ranging from the Indians who built their burial mounds near what is now Second Avenue, to the Scotch who settled there, and later to the Irish, Hungarians, and Italians who came to work in the mills and on the railroads.

Under the Stanwix treaty made with the Indians in 1758, a large tract of woodland in western Pennsylvania was purchased for \$10,000, and this purchase included what is now the 15th ward of the City of Pittsburgh, of which Hazelwood is a part. George Washington made many notes in his early journals when he toured the area around the Monongahela River, especially commenting on its natural beauty.

Where Mansion Street now stands is where the Indians built their burial mounds to such heights that, when the first settlers finally demolished them, there were enough stones to pave the old Indian trail that was later to become Second Avenue.

Immigrants from Scotland were the first settlers in this Indian territory, and the area from Four Mile Run to the Six Mile Ferry (four and six miles respectively from The Point) was called Scotch Bottom.

When the B & O Railroad was built in 1860, the names of Glenwood, Marion, Elba, Grove, Frankstown, Linder, Copper Works, Soho, and Birmingham were given to the stations along the line.

In 1850 the Wiley family cleared and farmed the land from Tecumseh Street to the Glenwood Bridge. Where Johnston Avenue now stands was where the Wileys raised their sheep, and it was known in those days as the Old Fields.

Also at this time a hotel was built near the Wiley Farm, called the Glen Hotel. For many years it was a stopping-off place for travelers and soldiers, who stayed overnight before continuing on their trip to Pittsburgh. A few years later the hotel was to become St. Michael's Seminary, no longer in existence.

A wooden plank road was laid along the old Second Avenue with a tollgate at Brady Street. And in the 1880s, travel by horse-drawn buggies along Second Avenue into the city flourished. A trip to the city could also be made by boat, but it cost 50 cents—a lot of money at that time.

The Bennetts and the Golvashes were two families from eastern Europe. Andy Bennett, a prominent sports figure in the area for many years, recalls the events that brought his father. The elder Bennett had been working for National Tube in McKeesport when the men went out on strike. He heard of the opening of the beehive ovens and decided to move to Hazelwood. There he raised his family of five boys and six girls. Louis Golvash's family came in 1888, and Lou is still a well-known civic and fraternal figure in the area.

Both Bennett and Golvash can recall many prominent families in Pittsburgh who got their start, so to speak,

in Hazelwood. There were the Burgwins, who lived where Burgwin School and pool are situated. And the Woods family in Glenwood, where it is reputed that Stephen Foster offered his first rendition of Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair. And there was Mike Donahue, first foreman of the Monongahela Connecting Railroad, and the Beaner family, which operated a large feed business.

Because of Hazelwood's proximity to the Monongahela River, it soon became the residence of many of



the river captains. Well-known names were those of Kennedy, Brown, and Elsey. For many years before J & L bought the homes below Hazelwood Avenue, mansions of riverboat captains were showplaces of the area.

Because of the varied ethnic background of early Hazelwood residents, the area developed many churches of different religious denominations.

There is St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, whose first building in 1870 was located at the Grove Station. Because of the great influx of Catholics, Irish and Italian, into the area, the present structure at the corner of Second Avenue and Elizabeth Street was built.

The Ames Methodist Episcopal Church was early in the area. The congregation's first quarters were at the corner of Second Avenue and Lowrie Street. The congregation built a frame structure on Flowers Avenue, and in 1923 built the present building on Trenton (now Tipton Street).

Hazelwood Presbyterian Church was organized in 1869 in the old schoolhouse at the corner of Second Avenue and Tecumseh Street. The congregation made several moves and at one time met on the third floor of the Hazelwood Savings & Trust Building. In January, 1921, the present edifice was built.

Hazelwood Christian Church is an offshoot of families who came to Hazelwood in 1868 from the First Christian Church of Allegheny. The

present church on Glen Caladh Street was dedicated in 1923.

Because of its easy access into the city of Pittsburgh, Second Avenue soon became the main street of Hazelwood. Some of the first buildings still stand, such as the Nixon Building at the corner of Second and Flowers Avenues. Harness shops and blacksmith shops lined the busy thoroughfare. The Hazelwood Dairy, Cook and Parsons Lumber, Culley Sanitary, Deutsche Apotheke, and Jones & Stiefel, pharmacists, were some of the well-known businesses. Henry Stahl sold groceries at

As the Scotch moved out of Scotch Bottom, the Slavs and Hungarians moved in, and even today there is a large Slavic community around the Three Mile Run in Greenfield.

St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church was built in 1924 for an estimated price of \$100,000 and for many years provided Hungarian families a Hungarian language school for their youngsters. First Hungarian Lutheran Church on Hazelwood Avenue, built in 1925, provided Hungarian immigrants the opportunity to worship in their native tongue.

Other churches are also active in the area: Johnston Avenue Baptist Church, First Hungarian Reformed Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Morningstar Baptist Church. The First Hungarian was, literally, the first Hungarian church in America (1890), the original building still standing on Bates Street in what is now known as Oakland. The Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) was established in Glenwood in 1868 with many prominent Pittsburghers as members of the congregation, such as the Burgwins, Pauls, Macrums, Coxes, and Cowens. During the term of the Reverend Mr. A. D. Heffern in 1889 the present building at the corner of Johnston and Second Avenues was built.

Last but not least, the civic and fraternal lodges of Hazelwood played an important part in the development of the community. In this group are the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 1043; Knights of Pythias, Hazelwood Lodge No. 130; Joppa Lodge, F & AM; Hazelwood Moose Lodge No. 486; American - Hungarian Association; Kiwanis Club of Hazelwood-Greenfield; Martin-O'Donnell Post 274, VFW; Hibernian Building and Loan Association; and Fort Black Post 538, American Legion.

Many an old-timer can recall Saturday nights—which was meeting night for the Odd Fellows. The wives of the brothers would gather outside the Odd Fellows temple at the corner of Flowers and Second Avenues and wait for their husbands to come out of the meeting. This gave the women a chance to visit and talk over the events of the past week. This writer can recall the Memorial Day parades when the veterans organizations would turn out in full strength, parade down Second Avenue and make their way up Hazelwood Avenue to Calvary Cemetery. This was an era when the Gladstone School band's rendition of Stars and Stripes Forever still brought a lump to a youngster's throat.

The files of the old Hazelwood Envoy, a weekly paper that flourished for many years, provided much of the information for this article. Mr. Vondas is a feature writer on the Pittsburgh Press who was born in Hazelwood and has lived there ever since.

4749 Second Avenue, and the Acropolis Theater, which billed itself as 'the Cleanest House in Hazelwood and the Most Seats' played to capacity crowds at 4829 Second Avenue.

Two of the major employers in Hazelwood in the early days and today are the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. J & L dates its beginning to 1853, when B. F. Jones, a youngster from Claysville, with several partners and 25 employees, opened his first plant on the South Side. The Eliza Plant between Bates Street and Greenfield Avenue, built in 1861, brought sudden prosperity to the residents of Scotch Bottom. As more workers were needed to man the new plants, families moved into the Hazelwood area, convenient because of its proximity to the J & L plants. And in 1884, when J & L added 54 beehive ovens near Longworth Street, immigrants poured into the area, mostly from eastern Europe.

The B & O purchased the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Railroad early in 1871, gaining access into the city of Pittsburgh, and its expansion attracted more immigrants. Business boomed, and in 1883 a roundhouse for repairing the locomotives was built at the foot of Lytle Street. Seven years later the Glenwood backshop was added.

The community was divided between the railroaders and the millworkers, with the railroaders living in Glenwood and the millworkers in Hazelwood. Many an old-timer can recall what it was like in Hazelwood when payday for both J & L and the B & O fell on the same weekend!

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Re-Establishing the Local Food Web

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Things weren't always the way they are now. Some things were better in the past. Suppose many years ago you had you a cabin in the woods in the part of Pittsburgh we now call Hazelwood. You were maybe in danger of getting attacked by a mountain lion, but there was plenty of game right close for you to eat. There was no shortage of water. Clams, oysters, otters, lots of fish, crayfish and minnows lived in the river and creeks. There were people, rabbits, turtles, salamanders, chipmunks, deer, opossums, woodchucks (groundhogs), hawks, snakes, bats, butterflies, wild strawberries and many other edible plants, turkeys, fruit trees, cows, sheep, boars (hogs), grasshoppers and other bugs, horses, owls, pole cats, foxes, mink, skunks, beaver toads, frogs. The ecosystem is much more simple now than it used to be, and that's not good.

When you buy garlic grown in China (rather than growing your own) you may be putting money in the pocket of some businessperson,

but you are not helping the Chinese people as a whole. They're stuck in the



same messed up system as we are. It may be cheaper now to buy food grown so far away, but in case anyone noticed our economy is collapsing right along with Earth's ecosystem. We are soon going to be so awash in changes that well be lucky to stay afloat. And the way to do that - surf the changes - is

to keep looking up, idealistically working toward the best possible future

for all. Among the more idealistic and wise leaders advocating healthy local economies and food systems are: President Obama and his wife Michelle; singer Willie Nelson; and our own Pittsburgh City Council President Doug Shields. Michelle Obama is running an organic and educational community

garden at the White House. Councilman Shields is supporting a community grocery in Hazelwood.

In the July 2009 Readers Digest article "Best of America" Best Farmers' Friend Willie Nelson said: "Farmers are everywhere - urban, rural, and suburban - and they all need us to buy the food they grow, or they won't survive...ensure that everyone has access to fresh food...Find farmers in your community and buy from them directly so there's no middleman. Take your kids to a farm so they won't think food comes out of a box. Tell your town's supermarkets and restaurants you want to eat food that's grown nearby, and let your local school know you want your kids to eat family-farm food. We all need to work together."

I couldn't have said it much better myself.

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