The Story Collector

JaQuay Edward Carter was raised in Hazelwood on stories about his grandparents’ move from the South for better lives and better opportunities in Pittsburgh’s burgeoning steel industry. Now in his 30s, Mr. Carter has a deep interest in history, particularly the history of his home community of Hazelwood. He founded the Greater Hazelwood Historical Society of Pittsburgh and Cultural Center earlier this year, and plans to set up space in the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh—Hazelwood and provide historical programming for Propel Hazelwood Charter School. While senior Hazelwood residents have memories of the neighborhood that are many decades old, Mr. Carter has taken it upon himself to collect the stories, preserving Hazelwood’s past as it embarks on an exciting and revitalized future.