



## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

We've got some big news to share, so we wanted to take a moment and address a question we hear frequently: "How Can I Get Involved?"

In the coming months, as we get closer to making our facility open to the public on a more regular schedule, there's quite a bit of work to be done.

If you have experience in the "Behind the Scenes" tasks associated with nonprofits we'd love to hear from you. We're specifically looking for volunteers with backgrounds in WordPress management, special events and fundraising.

If you're a creative who has a talent to share in a workshop, we'd love to hear from you. We'll be hosting weekend workshops more regularly as our opening date draws near, and our Fall calendar still has some slots available. Send us a message through our website, [JuxtaHub.com](http://JuxtaHub.com) to share your ideas and learn more.

Most of all, there's an important role that EVERYONE can take part in. Help us spread the news about JuxtaHub by sharing our social media posts and newsletters with people in your network who may not have heard of us yet. If you are part of a group that hosts guest organizations to talk about their impact on a community, our board members are always happy to arrange a tour or speaking engagement. Let us know!

## GROUNDBREAKING NEWS! 6.8.24

**THE** JuxtaHub board of directors is thrilled to announce that its long-awaited first phase of construction is set to begin. In April, the board selected Sage Design-Build, Inc. of Lower Macungie Township to complete the work, which will entail renovating the 2nd floor to create 21 artist studios, as well as portions of the first floor to create classroom and workshop spaces featuring both a kiln room and spray booth.

"We anticipate the first phase of renovation, once complete, will allow us to open in early 2025," explains board President Shea Zukowski. "And fortunately, because our digital makerspace requires so few changes, we'll be able to operate workshops in our multipurpose studio in the meantime."

"The total cost for phase 1 is about \$2M for construction alone," explains Audrey Gardner Racines, chair of the fundraising committee. During the Covid epidemic, JuxtaHub received a leadership gift from the Rodale Family Foundation that allowed us to put all the necessary plans in place. "And thanks to all of the early gifts the founders who supported our vision, as well as a generous gift from an anonymous donor, we have the funds to make that vision a reality."

"What began as a good idea about 5 years ago when we first launched this non-profit



RENDERING COURTESY OF MKSD  
IMAGINE A SPACE TO NETWORK, GATHER, CREATE, AND GROW; IT WILL BE HERE SOON AT THE NEWLY RENOVATED JUXTAHUB, AN INNOVATIVE ART CENTER IN EMMAUS.

has taken an incredible amount of time and energy from many dedicated volunteers," adds board member Jim Baker, who heads the building committee. "We're grateful to everyone who has participated in our focus groups and various feasibility studies that got us to this point, as well as the architects at MKSD who helped us translate that vision into concrete plans."

The public is warmly invited to help JuxtaHub celebrate this important milestone at a groundbreaking event to be held on June 8th at 11 AM. Please follow us on social media for more details as they unfold. 🌐

**JuxtaHub  
Welcomes New  
Board members  
WELCOME:  
MITCHELL LOPEZ**



**JUXTAHUB** is also pleased to announce the addition of two new board members! At its April meeting, the JuxtaHub Board of Trustees voted to accept the nomination of Mitchell Lopez and Qaza Nazeer to each serve a 2-year term.

Based in Bethlehem, **Mitchell Lopez** is a nonprofit consultant and Director of Community Outreach for NAMI Lehigh Valley, an advocacy organization that supports people and their families who live with mental illness. "The first time I attended an event at JuxtaHub, I was struck by the ways it has to engage different communities in our region. There are

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**WELCOME:  
QAZA NAZEER**

so many facets to JuxtaHub’s programming potential, and I’m very excited to see how we can shape different services within JuxtaHub to reach new audiences.” Mitchell is also a CORE Fellow with the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation’s program to promote diversity, equity and inclusion in area nonprofits.

Based in Emmaus, **Qaza Nazeer** is the founder and CEO of Social Guides, an app that helps people curate and share their personal recommendations for their favorite local restaurants and destinations. The launch of

Social Guides is a natural extension of another company he founded, AdFuel, that specializes in digital marketing.

“As an entrepreneur, it’s very exciting to see a project like JuxtaHub gain traction. I was impressed by all of the careful research and study that has informed the board’s decisions up to this point, and I believe that we’re poised for great success. Of course, getting the word out is key, so my plan is to help more people know about what a great resource this place is sure to become.” 🌱

## GEARING UP FOR SUMMER AND FALL WORKSHOPS

**HAVE** you ever thought about taking a course in something you never tried? Are you considering honing your skills in an area in which you have studied for years but would like to get a new perspective? JuxtaHub is lining up its summer and fall workshops taught by local artists in various fields and areas of study. We will be celebrating all realms of art from movement, dance, fine arts, music, theater, comedy, handicrafts, and will even venture into the digital and xR worlds that have been captivating the public with its ever changing capabilities.

Participating in a workshop at JuxtaHub offers you the time and space to meet new people, gather with like-minded community members, and create new things whether you're tinkering with a local metal smith, introducing yourself to modern dance, centering your qi with mindfulness practices, or blending up some complementary colors in a new medium—we offer space to rent for local educators and artists who would like to share their talents.

We are always looking for local educators, facilitators, or art teachers to host a workshop, class, or educational experience within his or her expertise. Check out our website for more information on offering or participating in courses or workshops at [JuxtaHub.com](http://JuxtaHub.com). 🌱



Photo courtesy of Angie Lichtenwalner, House of Metalworks, Kelly Planer, and L Kleinberg. We are excited to share some wonderful and interesting workshops with the public in the upcoming months. Go to [JuxtaHub.com](http://JuxtaHub.com) for an up-to-date calendar and link for classes.

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
8-Groundbreaking 11am-12pm	6-Closed for Holiday	3-Intro to XR: John Oetting
15- Private event	13-House of Metalworks	10-Gallivanting Greenhouse
22-Self Defense: Bob Hollinger	20-Photography: Tony Martinez	17-Comedy class: Kate Hughes
29- Private event	27-Be the Designer: Kelly Planer	24-Brain/Body Moves: Creativity Moves LV

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>OPEN DIGITAL MAKER SPACE HOURS</b>	Tuesdays 3-5:30 and Fridays 11-2 (Contact John via text on 484-942-3084 for building access and confirmation.)
<b>SIGN UP TO TAKE OR TEACH A CLASS</b>	Will be posted online at <a href="http://juxtahub.com">juxtahub.com</a>
<b>EMSP: JUXTAHUB GROUNDBREAKING</b>	SATURDAY, June 8, 11am-12pm

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