

## Betheil named president

PENCIL, a nonprofit New York education organization, recently announced the appointment of Maplewood resident Gregg Bethel, formerly PENCIL's chief program officer, as its new president. Bethel will be responsible for expanding the organization's signature programs and bringing more business leaders and educators together to confront challenges facing New York City's public school students.



PENCIL connects New York City's businesses and public schools to help prepare students for college and their future careers. PENCIL and its business partners

work with students in elementary, middle and high schools across all five boroughs of New York. Bethel, a former teacher and assistant principal, has been bringing businesses, schools and students together throughout his career in public education. He has held leadership roles at the New York City Department of Education, as the head of the Office of Postsecondary Pathways and Planning, and as executive director for School Programs and Partnerships, where he led a team that was focused on aligning programmatic and citywide partner supports toward improved student achievement. He joined the DOE in 2008.

"PENCIL bridges the gap between what is happening in the business world and what is taking place, in the classroom," Bethel said. "I am honored to lead a dedi-

cated team that connects New York City business professionals with public schools to help students follow their college and career dreams and continue on a path to success."

## Wenger named 'Pink Tie Guy'

Maplewood resident Kenneth P. Wenger, senior vice president of PNC Investments, was honored as a member of Komen North Jersey's inaugural class of "Pink Tie Guys" at the affiliate's recent Pink Tie Affair fundraiser held March 4, at the Pleasantdale Chateau in West Orange. Attended by more than 200 guests, the event raised nearly \$295,000. Pink Tie Guys make a personal commitment to actively and financially support the Komen mission to save lives and end breast cancer.