

Welcome to the rebirth of **The Brookline**. Our goal is to keep you informed about community events and developments. Every month we will introduce you to a Brookline area business and provide a calendar of upcoming events. In addition, we will recap the meetings of our five local community organizations, South Pittsburgh Development Corporation, Brookline Block Watch, Brookline Chamber of Commerce and Brookline Area Community Council.

We hope you enjoy this issue and visit one of the Brookline area merchants listed on page 4 to pick up our next issue. We will publish monthly, but mailing costs prohibit us from mailing monthly. If you have an email address, we will be happy to send the **Brookline** online. Email us at mnp.grabowski@verizon.net with **Brookline** in the subject line. Feel free to offer your comments, suggestions and questions for our next issue. When you request email delivery, you will automatically be entered in our contest to win \$30 of Brookline Bucks redeemable at area merchants.

Brookline is the second largest neighborhood tax base in the City of Pittsburgh, and we have a thriving business community. Please join us in supporting and sustaining our safe neighborhoods and walkable business community.

TAKE TWO

“Dave and I would walk to the boulevard for an ice cream cone and just to walk around, but there were no window displays. I like to window shop”, Liz Trimble says as she carefully wraps tissue around a pair of crimson earrings. The customer hands Liz \$7.00 and walks out with not only the earrings, but a knit top to match.

Liz and Dave Trimble, Brookline residents, own **Take Two**, a ladies consignment shop. **Take Two** is Liz’s window shopping solution. It’s not uncommon to see people studying the artfully arranged window displays. Creating eye-catching displays is an art Liz learned from her mother who worked in retail. “It allows me to play dress-up without changing my clothes,” Liz laughs.

Dave, a retired school teacher, minds the shop during the day. Liz, an elementary school science teacher, takes over in late afternoon. Liz used to teach in Lawrenceville and uses that community as an example of a business district revitalized by an influx of small businesses.

Take Two carries better name clothing like Tommy Hilfinger, Coldwater Creek, Ann Taylor Loft, and Ralph Lauren. Some area mothers have stopped in to inquire about prom dresses. “One woman came in looking for a special occasion dress for a June wedding. She doesn’t want to spend a lot of money for a dress she’s going to wear only one time. I took her name and number, and I told her I’d keep an eye out for anything that might come in.”

Beside special occasion dresses, there are shoes, tops, suits, pants, shorts, jewelry, purses and accessories. The clothing sizes range from 0 to 3X. Since the merchandise is constantly changing, a weekly stop at **Take Two** is a savvy way to renew a wardrobe without draining the bank account.

Liz Trimble helps Brookline resident **Catia Alencar**.

754 Brookline Blvd. Hours: Tues. & Wed. 11-5
Pittsburgh, PA 15226 Thurs. 11-7 Sat. 11-4
412-563-2565 Mon & Sun Closed



Liz and Dave Trimble owners of **Take Two**.





Brookline

Brookline's Earth Day Clean-Up on April 19th was an unqualified success. South Pittsburgh Development Corporation (SPDC) sponsored a pizza party to thank the 50 children who cleaned Moore Park and Brookline Memorial Park. A group of 15 adults and 3 children cleaned Brookline Boulevard and the wooded greenway at Eathan Street. The final tally was 100 trash size bags of litter, 13 gallon size bags of recyclables, 20 tires and a large pile of junk. A lack of equipment kept the group from removing the motorcycle and auto parts! **Keith Knecht** who coordinated the project said, "I told our volunteers it looks like Switzerland. It's so clean now!" A thank you to neighbors who were unable to participate, but offered volunteers cold beverages and their thanks.

Sam, a resident of Mazza Pavilion, offered to keep the boule-

vard clean from the Pavilion to the corner at Queensboro in exchange for a trash picker and some bags. Keith threw in gloves, a broom and a Brookline T shirt. What a deal!

Jeremiah Dugan, SPDC President, has received the 99-year lease for the Jacob/Whited property from the City of Pittsburgh. It only took 15 years! **Bob Beiler** has agreed to chair the committee to design and plant Brookline's newest greenway. After a soil test is completed, Bob will be working with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to determine what will grow in the area. Bob will be looking for neighbors who want to get their hands dirty to improve Brookline.

There's another new business in Brookline — **Armond's Framing** at 962 Brookline Blvd. A grocery store is coming. **ALDI** recently purchased the former Foodland property from Bernadette Perri.

Brookline Block Watch

Residents living on Flatbush, Bellaire and Rossmore found their tires slashed one morning in early May. No one saw or heard anything.

Jim Motznik is asking anyone who sees motorized vehicles entering the greenway behind Moore Park to call him. Some residents have also reported hearing gun fire from the greenway. There is no hunting allowed in the area. Mr. Motznik is trying to get funds to clean and maintain the area. Jim Motznik's telephone number is 412-255-2131.

A reminder that fines are increasing for violations of the residential parking permit zones. The fine will be \$35.

It's a Centennial

Resurrection Church is celebrating its 100th Birthday in 2009! Contact the Church at 412-563-4400 for information.

-Amy Fisher

Brookline Chamber of Commerce

A joint meeting was held in May with board members and officers of **SPDC**, the Brookline Chamber of Commerce (**BCC**) and the **BACC**. The purpose of the meeting, which lasted a little over an hour, was to discuss a Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Grant (submitted through **State Representative Chelsa Wagner's** office) to hire a full time staff person who will represent Brookline and Beechview.

Before this can happen the three Brookline groups need to develop a Memorandum of Understanding which will define the duties, qualifications and other requirements of this staff person. This person will work as an independent contractor, for payment purposes.

After much discussion it was decided to form a committee (2 persons from each group) to work out the Memorandum. Once the committee has completed its work, the respective Boards will be presented with the results for approval. When this process is

completed, a meeting will be held with the Beechview group to get their input. Hopefully interviewing for a potential staff person could begin by the fall with a start date of January 2009.

In addition, **BCC** has approved a merger with the **SPDC**. The "landslide vote" was 24-3.

-Bob Beiler

Memories Wanted

Brookline Elementary School is planning a Centennial Celebration throughout the 2008–2009 school year! They are looking for photos and stories of your experience attending the School. If you know of anyone who attended there at any time, please let them know about this! Call the school at 412-571-7380 for information and contributions.

-Amy Fisher



June 2008

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 SCSA –Pioneers Performances of <i>The Dinner Party</i> at 2:00 and 7:00 PM	2 SPDC at 7:00 PM	3	4	5	6	7 SCSA – 10:45 AM Registration for Theater Tots and Theater Movement
8	9 BCC at 6:00 PM	10 Blockwatch - 7:00 PM	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 7:00 PM –SCSA Pioneers <i>Les Miserables</i>	21 7:00 PM –SCSA Pioneers <i>Les Miserables</i>
22 7:00 PM –SCSA Pioneers <i>Les Miserables</i>	23	24	25	26	27 7:00 PM –SCSA Pioneers <i>Les Miserables</i>	28 7:00 PM –SCSA Pioneers <i>Les Miserables</i> Track & Field Extravaganza Info 412 571 3222
29 7:00 PM –SCSA Pioneers <i>Les Miserables</i>	30 NO BACC					

July 2008

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		1	2	3	Happy 4th	5
6	7 NO SPDC	8	9	10	11	12
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SPDC– South Pittsburgh Development Corporation, **BCC**—Brookline Chamber Of Commerce and **BLOCK-WATCH** meet at The Magistrate’s Office, 736 Brookline Blvd. **BACC**– Brookline Area Community Council meets at St. Marks Evangelical Lutheran Church corner of Brookline Blvd. and Starkamp. **SCSA**—Seton Center School of Arts—1900 Pioneer Ave. 412 561 5511 **Brookline Recreation Center**—1400 Oakridge St. 412 571 3222

Classes in Dance, Art and Music are offered at Seton School of Arts

Games, sports of all kinds and art classes are offered at the Brookline Recreation Center.



SUMMER FUN

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JUNE 9—AUGUST 9 Summer Reading at **The Brookline Library** and Online “Library Ant-ics” Stop by the library or visit the website for more info www.CARNEGIELIBRARY.org/LOCATIONS/BROOKLINE

JUNE 11—NOVEMBER 12 **Seton Brookline Farmer’s Market** 1900 Pioneer Avenue Wednesdays from 11:00am to 6:00pm

MOVIES Oakridge Street Thursdays at dusk

JUNE 12 “The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep”

JUNE 19 “Shrek the 3rd”

JUNE 26 “Evan Almighty”

JULY 3 “Are We Done Yet”

PICK UP OUR NEXT ISSUE AT ONE OF THESE BROOKLINE LOCATIONS:

- TAKE TWO** 754 Brookline Blvd.
- THE MEDICINE SHOPPE** 524 Brookline Blvd.
- KRIBEL’S** 546 Brookline Blvd.
- CARNEGIE LIBRARY** 708 Brookline Blvd.
- A-BOSS OPTICIANS** 938 Brookline Blvd.

\$\$\$\$ \$30 BROOKLINE BUCKS \$\$\$\$

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Address: _____

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