

Let the cooking begin! Thanksgiving launches a two-month eating spree. Doctor appointments and blood tests are postponed to late January. Who wants to get on a scale or have their cholesterol checked this time of the year?!? A friend has already started baking and freezing her miniature cream-filled lady locks. We prefer cooking to baking so we will allow **Kribel's Bakery** and **Party Cake Shop** to do our holiday baking.

There is sad news this month. The featured merchant from our first issue, **Take Two**, closed at the end of October. For those of us who bought their quality second hand clothes, **Take Two** will be sorely missed. We want to thank **Liz and Dave Trimble** for their efforts.

Folks, it is up to us to support the merchants in Brookline, and this is the perfect time to start. Do some of your holiday shopping at **Michael's**. Take a tray of cookies from **Kribel's Bakery** or **Party Cake Shop** to the party. Give a gift certificate from the **Moonlite Café**. What woman wouldn't enjoy a little pampering from **Salon Canova**? A gift from a Brookline merchant is the equal of what you will find at Macy's or in Shadyside or at the Galleria. We may not have the allure of those locations, but all that means is that Brookline hasn't been discovered - yet.

-The Editor

Cookies and Cakes and Pies, Oh My!

KRIBEL'S BAKERY

546 Brookline Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15226
www.kribelsbakeryofpittsburgh.com
Phone: 412-531-1944 or 412-531-1942

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 6AM to 8PM
Sat. 6AM to 6PM
Sun. 6AM to 3PM

PARTY CAKE SHOP

706 Brookline Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15226
www.partycakeshop.com
Phone: 412-531-5322

Hours: Tues.-Fri. 6AM to 6PM
Sat. 6AM-5PM
Sun. 6AM-1PM
Mon. Closed



Maxine Kribel Kaminski behind the counter at Kribel's Bakery

her brother **Jacob Kribel** says her parents chose Brookline because it seemed like a nice family oriented community.

Initially, they lived above the bakery. "People who have lived here awhile will remember me roller skating up and down the Boulevard," Maxine says.

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Unlike the usual thumbprint cookies that have a dollop of hard sugar icing in their center, **Kribel's** thumbprints feature a towering swirl of butter cream icing tinted for the season or occasion. They are an elegant addition to a cookie tray and just downright decadent!

Kribel's Bakery has been in business since 1931. They moved to Brookline from Troy Hill in the 1940s. **Maxine Kribel Kaminski** who co-owns the bakery with

If you live in Brookline, you have heard about or tasted **Party Cake's** Burnt Almond Torte. This square, custard filled cake is iced in butter cream and covered in toasted almond slices. There is no substitute. Just about every bakery in this area has a version of this cake, but none has the consistently crunchy almonds and light crumb texture of **Party Cake's**.

George Dolan is the current owner of **Party Cake Shop**. He took over in 2002 from his brother **Jack Dolan** who started the bakery in 1961. Jack, along with the former owners of Prantl's and the owner of Kretchmar's Bakery in Beaver created the Burnt Almond Torte one year to take advantage of an abundant almond harvest.

George points to cans of pumpkin in the window, "I put

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George Dolan holding a Party Cake Shop Burnt Almond Torte.

An Acorn representative discussed the current mortgage crisis and outlined the steps homeowners should take if they are unable to make their mortgage payments. Kevin Perkey from 3 Rivers Connect talked about mapping Brookline. 3 Rivers Connect is a Pittsburgh nonprofit whose mission, according to their website www.3rc.org, "is to unify and organize community information to give decision makers unparalleled clarity and insight." Translation: 3 Rivers Connect is using census data to determine Brookline's assets and vulnerabilities. This information can be used by community leaders to make better decisions regarding resources.

-Pamela Grabowski

Chamber of Commerce

The meeting started promptly at 6:03 PM. Plans for the Halloween Parade were discussed and agreed on. The Parade will start at 2:00PM on Saturday, October 25.

Other reports were on the progress of the Christmas lighting, a ListServ/Google Group program being set up by **Amy Fisher**, and a final accounting of the Kenwood Picnic Committee.

The **BCC/SPDC** merger was discussed with disagreements arising among the Officers and Board members as to how to proceed. It was agreed to postpone a vote on whether to stop the merger until the November meeting.

Fred DePasquale (former owner of **The Medicine Shoppe**) lectured the members on his perception of how the **BCC** has let down the business owners on the Boulevard. His comments were taken politely, and he was thanked for his 13 years of participation in the community as a business owner.

The next meeting will be held November 10, 2008.

-Bob Beiler

South Pittsburgh Development Corp

Attorney Kevin Acklin answered questions about the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the staff person Brookline will share with Beechview. This individual will be hired under a state DCED grant. **SPDC** wants Brookline business development to be his/her main priority while working in Brookline. A motion was made and passed to accept the MOU.

Keith Knecht reported on Brookline's Fall Redd-Up. Six volunteers collected 35 bags of trash from the boulevard, Whited, Jacob, Glenbury, Woodbourne and Fitch. The volunteers were treated to a pizza lunch after their hard work.

SPDC has additional copies of [Images of America Brookline](#). The books are \$20. **Mary Anne Miller**, **SPDC** treasurer, suggests the book would make a nice holiday gift. It contains historical information and a plethora of pictures. In addition, there is a limited number of black Brookline T-shirts available in sized large and extra large. The T-shirts are \$10. If you're interested in either item, contact us at 412-343-2859. - Pamela Grabowski

Brookline Block Watch

Mary Anne Miller, President of **Brookline Block Watch** reminded residents to call 311 to get non crime related problems resolved. She has received a complaint from the same individual twice, but it is not a problem with which Block Watch can assist. If you are unable to get through by phone, a problem can be reported online at the City of Pittsburgh website www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us.

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 9, 2008. As in the past, **BBW** will purchase the fried chicken and guests will contribute their favorite side, salad or dessert to share.

-Pamela Grabowski



The **Geekadrome** wall of comics, a comic book lover's paradise.

Do you know someone who would enjoy a subscription to **The Brookline**?

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**BROOKLINE SHOPPER OF THE MONTH
HUTCH BAILIE**

KRIBEL'S BAKERY (Continued from page 1)

Brookline residents are partial to **Kribel's** white, almond flavored layer cakes, lady locks filled with marshmallow crème and jimmie sticks. Jimmie sticks are a **Kribel's** original. A cake donut is coated with a sugar glaze and covered with chocolate jimmies. The new donut machine produces a jimmie block rather than a jimmie stick, but Brookline residents don't mind the shape change. In fact, jimmie sticks are so popular that **Kribel's**



Photo by Catia Alencar

Above: **Beth Kribel**, Maxine's niece with a tray of **Kribel's** ruby red candy apples.

ships them to former residents and new converts living as far away as Florida and California.

Maxine says they get new ideas from their faithful customers. As I cradle a cup of hot coffee and bite into a jimmie stick, I find I'm thinking about other goodies **Kribel's** might make.

You NEED those thumbprints on your cookie tray this year!

-Pamela Grabowski

PARTY CAKE SHOP (Continued from page 1)

the cans there to show people that we use real pumpkin in our pies." He reminds us that baking is a science. "When you see the television chefs throw in a pinch of this and a handful of that, you can't do that with baking. The temperature and humidity can affect each day's product and has to be considered." Clearly, this is why I leave baking to the experts.

Brookline really likes **Party Cake Shop** donuts. Krispy Kreme never put a dent in the donut business here. In fact, George said it helped them. "People saw the small size of the Krispy Kreme and appreciated the value as well as the quality of our donuts." Donuts are frying at 5:00 AM and in the case by 6:00 AM. Customers come from Peters Township and Upper St. Clair to get their donut fix.

Try **Party Cake's** cherry or apricot filled cookies. They are soft, slightly sweet, rounds of dough with a rich, thick fruit filling. Why are you baking?

-Pamela Grabowski



Photo by Catia Alencar

Above: Bread rack at **Party Cake**

Giving Thanks By Giving

At this time of the year, we are bombarded with requests to assist the needy. Do you know about the organizations in our community who could use your help? When you sit down to write your monthly checks, could you spare a little for the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry** or **Meals on Wheels**? If you have some extra time during the week, would you consider being part of a **Meals on Wheels** team?

- The **Brookline Christian Food Pantry** provides food to needy families from their location in **Brookline Boulevard United Presbyterian Church** at the corner of Brookline Blvd. and Queensboro. The Pantry serves needy families in Brookline, Overbrook, Dormont, Beechview and now Carrick. Carrick is a recent addition since Prince of Peace can no longer take on more families. In September the Pantry fed 150 families. **Patricia Erny**, who coordinates services, expects the number this month to reach 200. The Pantry will celebrate their 25th anniversary in February 2009. Cash donations are needed to purchase fresh food, like eggs and wieners. In addition, the Pantry needs donations of dry and canned food staples. Volunteers are needed to bag the groceries and to help distribute. For information on donating, volunteering or receiving assistance call **Patricia Erny** at **412-344-8451**.
- **Meals on Wheels** operates from **St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church** located at the corner of Brookline Blvd. and Glenarm Ave. They deliver approximately 65 meals Monday through Friday. **Meals on Wheels** has a two-person delivery team, a driver and a visitor. **Carol Ingold** who runs the local program says she is in desperate need of both. Carol is flexible about scheduling, too. If you can only give a day or two, or if you just want to be on the substitute list when someone calls in sick, Carol wants to hear from you. Cash donations as well as donations of food are welcome. For information on donating, volunteering or requesting meal delivery call **Carol Ingold** at **412-343-8144**.

-Pamela Grabowski

THIS MONTH

November 10

Chamber of Commerce Meeting 6:00PM at Magistrate Charles McLaughlin's office 736 Brookline Blvd.

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South Pittsburgh Development Corp Meeting 7:00PM at Magistrate Charles McLaughlin's office 736 Brookline Blvd.

November 11

Brookline Block Watch Meeting 7:00PM at Magistrate Charles McLaughlin's office 736 Brookline Blvd.

November 21

Light-up Night in Brookline 6:30PM at the corner of Pioneer Ave. and Brookline Blvd.

November 24

Brookline Area Community Council will sponsor the Kick Off the Holidays Celebration 7:00 St Mark's Church Corner of Brookline Blvd. and Glenarm Ave. BACC is hoping to add the other groups as sponsors to the Kick Off the Holidays Party on Nov. 24 which will include a visit from a very special friend. Starts at 7:00PM to accommodate the youngsters. This will be a family party.

November 29

Returning for a second year are Jack Stanizzo and Paul Lowe featuring the Seton Center Choir for an evening of entertainment and a festive commencement to the Christmas Season!

Seton-LaSalle Catholic High School
1000 McNeilly Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15226

Doors Open at 6:00PM

Reception Following the Performance

Ticket Prices: Adults \$16 Children \$8

Reserve your tickets today!

Contact Seton Center at 412-561-8400 or email info@setoncenter.com for information.

We want to hear from you. If you have questions about Brookline, maybe we can help you get answers. We welcome your comments. Send your questions or comments by email, phone or mail.

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JUNE 11—NOVEMBER 12

Seton Center Brookline Flea & Farmer's Market 1900 Pioneer Avenue Wed. 11:00AM to -6:00PM

The Brookline by Email

Get **The Brookline** in COLOR! Send your email address to mnp.grabowski@verizon.net. Put "The Brookline" in the subject line.

Pick up **The Brookline** at a Boulevard merchant. Look for "**The Brookline** Available Here" sign in the window.

Readers Respond

Sharon Younkin responded to **Don Sayenga's** inquiry about **Madalyn Murray O'Hair**. Sharon offered information she saw in a television interview with O'Hair's estranged son. He claimed that his mother turned to atheism in part as a result of being teased in school. O'Hair couldn't reconcile the treatment she received with the Christian principles taught in school.

Our research from Anne Rowe Seaman's book **America's Most Hated Woman** helped to pinpoint where O'Hair lived. "In the spring of 1919, the Mayses [O'Hair's parents] were living above a bakery on a busy commercial strip in the **Beechview** area of Pittsburgh." Seaman goes on to say the Mayses moved frequently living at different addresses in **Brookline**. "By the time Madalyn was seven or eight, they moved to a small brick home with a catalpa tree on steep, cobblestoned Gallion Street."

Does anyone on Gallion know if he or she is residing in that same house?

Readers Ask

"I am moving back to the area in January, for my THIRD go-around in the area. I was wondering what ever happened to the much-vaunted revitalization of The Boulevard talked of about 10 years ago...."

Mary Hutchins

Welcome back Mary! Look for our response in the December issue. In the meantime, what do you want to know?

