

Letter from the Editor Autumn arrived for her annual fashion show dressed in the color wheel's warm hues of red, yellow and orange. We find it ironic that the months preceding the coldest season of the year would display the warmest colors. Spring is pastel; autumn is vibrant. Perhaps the idea is to warm us for what is to come.

While we are not troubled by the leaves autumn scatters around, the carelessly tossed litter disturbs us. Keith Knecht is coordinating another major Redd-Up project on October 17 with student volunteers from the University of Pittsburgh. Yet again, we find ourselves in a quandary. We appreciate a cleaner Brookline, and why do we need outside volunteers to pick up our mess? Wouldn't it be wonderful if the volunteers came to clean, and there was nothing to clean!

Halloween kicks off the holiday season. Too much to do, and no time to do it all. Consider stopping on the boulevard to pick up dinner on the way home from work. If you drive, park at one end of the boulevard and walk. It's good exercise! View the boulevard as a giant menu. Pick a side dish from one establishment, an entrée from another and dessert from yet another. A meat pie from **Pitaland** goes well with a bowl of beans and greens from **Mateo's** and for dessert a little something from **Party Cake** or **Kribel's**. Mama Lena's daily special from **Krazy Brothers** paired with a salad from **It's Greek to Me** can be topped off with a bowl of your favorite flavor from **Boulevard Ice Cream**.

The shut down of the city due to September's G-20 was the perfect time to see that the grass is greener right here in Brookline. Did you?

BOULEVARD NEWS

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If you thought the **Boulevard News** only sold lottery tickets and magazines, think again. **Bill Algeo** and his son **Drew** run another little boulevard treasure. They are carrying fresh produce, Cibrone bread and hoagies, hot sausage and pierogies.

The produce is from Trax and Bebout Farms and includes corn, tomatoes, peppers and zucchini. Bill and Drew bring in whatever produce is available that day.

Long time residents will remember when Cibrone's had a retail outlet on the boulevard. If people continue to buy the bread and hoagies that the Algeos carry, we might just see a Cibrone's on Brookline Boulevard again. For now, the bread and hoagies arrive fresh each morning from Cibrone Bakery.

Don't forget to check out the freezer case with a wide variety of homemade pierogies. The pierogies are packaged by the dozen, and include onions and butter which keeps the pierogies from sticking to each other. These little pockets of delight are ready to heat and eat. You may find hot sausage, jalapeno, Rubeen or ravioli pierogies. Just think of the possibilities. Rubeen pierogies resting on a bed of sauerkraut, hot sausage pierogies complementing a medley of green, yellow and red peppers, or jalapeno pierogies tossed with sautéed zucchini. The hot sausage in the freezer would make a nice addition to a dozen pierogies too.

-Pamela Grabowski



At right: Cibrone's bread, pepperoni bread and hoagies

Far right: **Drew Algeo**

Photos by **HK Photo Studio**





Our Dog Days of Summer feature was so popular that we are going to try a Cozy Cats of Winter feature in January. If you would like your cat or cats in our January issue, contact us. See our contact information below.



We HATE winter. We actively search for ways to get through. With all due respect to Paul Simon and his song "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover," we want to come up with "50 Ways to Survive Winter."

So, Google "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover." Ask a baby boomer to sing a few lines. Or, find the song at the library. After you hear the original, you should be able to send us your winter lyric. Since our winter song is unisex, male and female names will work. Plus, you only need to come up with one line. We will print "50 Ways to Survive Winter" in our January issue, so get crackin' Jack; call on your muse Sue! To get this song started, we modestly offer our lyric, "Get out the quilt Milt."



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We want to thank everyone who stopped at our table during Breeze the Blvd. It was great to meet you, to hear compliments on **The Brookline**, and to receive your donations. Some of you already have your favorite column or feature. **Joanne Fantoni** who writes Joanne's Corner is amassing quite a fan base.

While we are funded until June of 2010, that's not so far away. How many of you have already uttered the words, I can't believe it's already fall? Time flies and our funding source died. We need you.

If you are reading this online, you have nothing to worry about. The newsletter will continue for you. If you pay for a subscription, you have nothing to worry about. At this time, we would be able to cover the printing of your copy with your subscription fee.

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JOANNE'S CORNER

Things that aren't here anymore - Part Nine



Hearing that **More For Your Dollar** had sold their building at 802 Brookline Boulevard to a family that was restoring it to its original condition peaked my

interest. I started to look into it and talked to a lot of people. I'm able to go back to the year 1933 as pictured [Photo from *Pittsburgh Then and Now* by Arthur G. Smith]. At that time it was **G. Reisacker's Market**. Over the years, it was **Dattilo's Fruit Market**, **The Hobby Shop**, **The Better Half**, and finally **More For Your Dollar**. If anyone knows of other businesses at the location or anything before 1933, let me know. Also, take notice of Whited and Jacob Streets. Do you know what is finally happening there thanks to **South Pittsburgh Development Corp.** board members? We've been working on this project for 20 years. Remember when HUD housing was planned for this spot by **Mayor Murphy**?

More on 802 Brookline Blvd. as work progresses. Also on the Whited-Jacob Project.

Question of the month:

Does anyone know the name of the dentist who had an office above **G. Reisacker's Market**?

-*Joanne Fantoni*

Last Month's Memory Teaser

Question: What was the company name of the 5&10?

Answer: Ben Franklin



The mini bus service may be discontinued due to low demand. If you are over 55 and need transportation to a Brookline location or a grocery store, use the bus!

READER FEEDBACK

Your mention of **Brookline Bank** prompted me to forward a couple of things I found recently in my late mother's keepsakes. There are drawings I did as a child on the backs of both items. I remember bank nights well as many of the bank employees came to **Parkside Grill** to eat, and my mother would always make a dinner item like meatloaf or roast beef which I hated. I preferred spaghetti or hamburgers. By the way, it was **Autenreith's 5 & 10**, and I can't say for sure if that's the right spelling. They sold turtles and goldfish, and at Easter, chicks and ducklings. I loved the place.

Check out the attachments. The one is for a deposit ticket for **Brookline Bank** and the other is for **Coennen's Beer Distributor** where the current beer distributor is located. It was owned by **Eddie Coennen** and his wife (I think her name was Mary), and they lived above the place. Beer was a lot cheaper in those days. The "FP" on the invoice probably refers to Fort Pitt Beer.

-**Bob Daley**

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MUNSTER MEMORABILIA

October has arrived and inevitably our minds conjure up images of monsters, vampires, and other-worldly ghouls. For **Tony Greco**, a fellow Brookline resident, those images are part of his daily life. They are, in fact, quite close to his heart. You see, Tony is the owner of one of the largest collections of Munster memorabilia that exists. Every conceivable item from the original film reels to modern resin sculptures and everything in between. Like models? He's got them. Games, cards, costumes, magazines, slot machines and the jewel in his crown - the Drag-u-la hot rod coffin car. Tony's world is filled with Munsters and has been since he was a six-year-old boy.

As intriguing as his Munster collection is, **Tony Greco** is much more intriguing to this writer. Married and sharing his home with cats, turtles and even an alligator - Tony lives in a home filled with beautiful and eclectic items. Recently, the Grecos have opened a fine art gallery. The gallery is simply known as, The Gallery on Baum. It is located at 4643 Baum Blvd.

Tony also has plans with a friend and fellow Munster collector to build the Munster house and create the world's largest Munster museum. So as our minds turn to Halloween and the joy we bring to children on this eve, I'd like to close with a story Tony shared with me.

He told me how a Munster episode really contributed to the way he's lived his life. It was an episode titled "Eddie's Nickname," and Eddie was upset because the other children called him "short." Herman explained to him that it is not what people look like on the outside - but as Tony told me, "It is the size of your heart and the strength of your character that matters."

That, my friends, is something we can all take the time to remember.

-Carol Sossaman

Photos by Carol Sossaman



CUB SCOUTING



Cub Scouts **Nathan Sippey** (left) and **Jerry Mettig** (right) Photo by **Michele Metting**

If you missed Cub Scout Pack 601's annual sign-up night this September, it's not too late to join. Parents/guardians and their sons who are in the first through fifth grades are invited to attend any of the regular weekly meetings to become a member and participate in the scouting experience. Meetings are held on most Tuesdays at 7:00PM in **Fr. Quinn Hall at Resurrection Church**.

Cub Scouting is a year-round family-oriented part of the Boy Scouts of America. While our meetings, activities and outings occur during the school year, we still have monthly activities throughout the summer months like camping overnights, hiking, Pinewood Derby (car race), and Rain Gutter Regatta (boat race). This year's summer activities included a tour of PNC Park and a Washington Wild things baseball game.

The Cub Scout program focuses on teaching lifetime values including citizenship, positive attitude, responsibility and self-reliance through fun and educational activities. Cub Scout Pack 601 also instills a sense of

community. Service projects are an important part of the Boy Scout program. Our largest community project is the annual Scouting for Food Drive in which food is collected for the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry**.

We try to keep the fundraising to a minimum. The Pack is involved in an annual gourmet popcorn sale that is sponsored by the Greater Pittsburgh Council of the Boy Scouts of America. This fall the Pack will be holding a Pancake Breakfast and Chinese Auction fundraiser. Watch for more details to be posted within the community and in local church bulletins.

As scouting celebrates its 100th year in 2010, it should be an exciting time for existing and future Cub Scouts. We hope the families of the Brookline community will stop by and join the fun!

For contact and additional information, please visit: www.BeAScout.org (choose "join scouts" and enter your zip code).

-Michele Metting



**FROM SENATOR
WAYNE FONTANA**

Communication is key to many things – and is particularly important in my relationship with you. For me to represent your views in Harrisburg, you need to know what legislation is before us, what projects I am involved with in the community, and my thoughts on the issues so that you can weigh in with your thoughts. Recently, I’ve begun to use new communication tools that utilize the technology to which many of us now have access. It’s why I’ve begun sending e-newsletters, updating my website more frequently, and have created a Twitter account. It’s also the reason that I’m participating as one of the first users of MyGov365.

MyGov365 is a social media platform (picture an Internet site – but so much more) that improves communication between citizens and government. Through MyGov365, constituents can go to one place to access information about all things politics, civics and government – and its users (I’m proud to be one!) have tools to engage constituents and stakeholders.

Constituents can search, review, comment and vote on legislation, can view video summaries, participate in polls, stay connected to their government and elected officials, compare candidates during elections, interact with organizations and causes, and more. This amazing tool (coined as Social Polling™) pulls out critical, real-time, relevant feedback from you – the constituent - and converts it into information and knowledge to allow legislators, and other users, to better represent and understand their constituents.

Watch for announcements on MyGov365’s upcoming launch visit my website for links and updates as this tool becomes available to you.



**FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE
CHELSA WAGNER**

Over the past several weeks, my office received many calls and visits from local residents concerned about the status of the Brookline Post Office. While our Post Office was included on a preliminary list of facilities being considered for closure, I recently received word from the U.S. Postal Service that it has been removed from the list of potential closings. I and my staff had several conversations with our federal representatives and the Postal Service on the importance of this facility to the residents and businesses in our neighborhood, and I was happy to assist community members in their efforts to convey their concerns. I would also like to thank U.S. Representative Mike Doyle and his staff for their assistance in this effort.

This is yet another example that with coordinated effort and concerted action our neighborhood can get the attention and assistance it needs and deserves to make improvements and continue to thrive. I have been happy to spearhead efforts to bring greater resources to community leaders through sponsoring and funding their participation in the South Pittsburgh Workshop for Neighborhood Leaders, funding the creation of a full-time staff position to assist community groups, and fostering communication with the community on the upcoming improvements to Brookline Boulevard.

The safety and success of our neighborhood will always remain my top priority, and I welcome the thoughts and concerns of the community. Feel free to stop by my office at 900 Brookline Blvd., call us at (412) 343-2094, or e-mail me at repwagner@pahouse.net.

AT FIRST THERE WAS NOTHING



Photo by **Bob Beiler**

Sixteen years ago a group of residents formed a community group to protest a city

housing project proposed for the 1.3-acre site at the corner of Jacob and Whited. That community group became **South Pittsburgh Development Corp.** SPDC wanted the site turned into a green space, and petitioned the Murphy administration. It took 15 years for the lease to come through. In 2008, SPDC signed a 99-year lease for the property. Now the hard labor begins.

Working with the Jacob-Whited Project Committee chaired by **Bob Beiler, Jack Stanizzo** has been coordinating the first of many improvements to come. [See page 8]



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-Pamela Grabowski

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Storytimes

Baby/Toddler: Stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays. For children birth through age 3 with a caregiver. Thursdays, October 1 - 22 at 11:00AM

Preschool: Stories, songs, games and the occasional craft. For children ages 3-5 with parent or caregiver. Thursdays, October 1 - 22 at 12:30PM

Craft Club for Kids

Kids in grades K – 5 are invited to make a different craft each month. Monday, October 19 at 4:00PM.

After School Movie Fun

Nothing to do after school? Come to the Library and watch a movie. We will provide the popcorn, you bring a drink. Grades K-8. Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 4:00PM.

Get Your Game On

Come try your skills at the **PS2**. Grade 6-12. Registration is not required. Bring your friends! Wednesday, October 14 at 3:00PM.

Tween Craft – Express your creativity each month with a new craft. Grades 4 – 8. Monday, October 12 at 4:00PM.

Teen Book Club

Monday, October 26 at 4:00PM Grades 6 – 12 are welcome.



For Adults:

Monday Evening Book Discussion – Monday, October 19 6:00PM Reading *The Myth of You and Me* by Leah Stewart.

Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion – Wednesday, October 21 1:00PM Reading *Mt. Vernon Love Story: A Novel of George and Martha Washington* by Mary Higgins Clark.

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- **CLOTHES CLOSET MINISTRY** call **Brookline United Presbyterian Church** at 412-531-0590

Are you unable to volunteer your time right now? You can still help many of these organizations.

Meals on Wheels accepts cash and donations of cookies, desserts and bread.

Buy a grocery store gift card for the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry**. You don't have to load the card with a large sum. Every little bit helps. Send it to the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry**

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Lend a hand any way you can. It really does takes every one to make a community work.

THIS MONTH

October 2

Autumn Car Cruise 5:30PM until dark at Brookline Recreation Center. There will be music, food and AWARDS.

October 12

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

October 13

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

October 19

South Pittsburgh Development Corp 7:00PM at Brookline Blvd. United Presbyterian Church 1036 Brookline Blvd.

October 26

Brookline Area Community Council 7:30PM at St. Mark's Church corner of Brookline Blvd. & Glenarm Ave. Topic will be the health care plan. BACC anticipates having representatives from Arlen Spector's office and Mike Doyle's office.

October 31

Halloween Parade 2:00PM Meet at the cannon. Parade is sponsored by the **Brookline Chamber of Commerce**.

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YOUTH PROGRAM

Kinder Sports Starts October 8 and runs through May 2010. 11:00AM to Noon. Ages 2 - 5

Youth Fun Time For boys and girls. Thursdays Ages 3 - 5 3:30PM - 4:15PM. Ages 6 - 8 4:30PM - 5:30PM Program is FREE.

Youth Basketball Clinic Saturdays October through November. Noon - 2:00PM. Boys and girls ages 6 - 8. Cost \$10

Martial Arts Classes A martial arts class based especially for the 5-10 year olds in mind. Taught by our own instructor, Joshua Kern. Specifically made to help foster and build the martial artists of tomorrow as well as to have a lot of fun this summer! Cost per child is \$20 per month. Tuesdays and Thursdays, ages 5-7 at 6:00PM -7:00 PM, ages 8-10 at 7:00PM-8:00 PM. Older brothers and sisters can join in the fun as well!

Mr. Joe's Fitness Program Come and receive personal in class training and nutritional info from **Joe Syzmanski**. Ages 13 to 17

Boxing Get ready for Golden Gloves. Mon. Tues. Wed. 6:00PM to 9:00PM. Ages 8 to 36. Subnovis, novis and open divisions are trained by Mike and Carlos.

After School Whiffle Ball Program Starting September 1, 2009 to October 31, 2009. We're going to play at the T-Ball field above the recreation center. Program is free to kids ages 8-12. Just come and play with Joe Cirigliano.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Fundamentals of Acting Do you think you have what it takes to be an actor? Or, maybe you saw a great movie and wanted to know exactly just how they did it? Well join Joshua Kern as he explores the basics and fundamentals of acting, with you in mind. Cost per Person: \$20 per month. Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00PM-7:30PM.

Joe's Fitness Club Come and receive personal in class training and nutritional info from **Joe Syzmanski**. Men & Women age 18 and over.

Body Sculpting and Weight Loss Program Starts October 5 at 6:30PM to 7:30PM \$30.00 for 10 workouts.

Yoga Tues. 6:30PM to 7:30PM \$50 for 6 week session or \$10 per class.



George Gilfoyle was thrilled to receive your cards and emails. He hopes to be greeting you in person soon. We will continue to forward your cards and messages to George.

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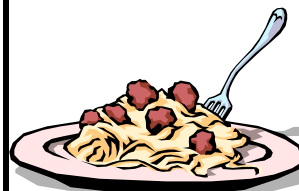
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FREE MEALS



Brookline Recreation Center is serving free dinners for children 18 years of age and under from 5:30PM - 6:30PM. Snacks are served from 3:00PM - 4:00PM.



The Fallen Heroes Motorcycle ride featured 1,437 drivers according to **David Khalil**. It was quite a site to see the bikers traveling the boulevard in both directions.

Photo by *Marianne Puleo*



At **Krazy Bros. Pizza and Pasta**, **Mama Lena** prepares your dinner and packages it to go. This is like eating at Mom's.

Photo by *HK Photo Studio*



BLOCK PARTY EXTRAORDINAIRE

When we asked for your block party pictures, we had no idea what to expect. This year it was "Craigstock," **Craig Stolar's** (pictured at right) annual birthday bash complete with free chair massages by **Masagapoloosa**, and live music by **Craig's band "Rock-It."** Instead of gifts, guests bring a food dish to share. Craig provides beverages, rigatoni, potato salad and sandwiches. **Jeannie Stolar**, Craig's wife, creates a "Kidz Zone" for the little ones. **Jeannie and Kristina Krajci**, Craig's daughter-in-law, designed the T-shirts (at right) sold for the event.



Drag-u-la, the hot rod coffin car owned by **Tony Greco**.

Photo by *Carol Sossaman*

-*Pamela Grabowski*

Photos by *Michael Grabowski*

FOLKS JUST LOOK AT JACOB-WHITED NOW!



Jack Stanizzo, Paul Lowe and Bob Beiler supervised the flag raising and the lighting test on September 16. Passing cars were giving them thumbs up and comments of how great it looked. They were pleased. It was a happy day indeed.

-*Jan Beiler*

Photos by *Bob Beiler*




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