

Letter from the Editor



We proclaim 2010 as the year of nurturing. Last year we were working to bloom Brookline. Now we have to keep this garden healthy. If you walk up and down the boulevard, you will see renovated store fronts and new businesses here or coming.

Last month **Commander Scott Schubert** said in an email, "Please remember to look out for one another and report suspicious activity to 911. Your tips, interaction, and help allows us to perform our job in a more efficient and effective manner." Crime is low in Brookline, and we have to work to keep it that way. Just like you have to weed your garden, we have to continually weed out crime.

Fertilizing our garden isn't a hard job if we overcome our snobbery. Local merchants recite the same refrain. Most of their customers are coming from Mt. Lebanon, Upper St. Clair, Peters Township, and Shadyside. Not Brookline. So we ask, why are people in Brookline so eager to subsidize the high rent and overhead paid by merchants in the communities we mentioned as well as places like Ross Park Mall and Robinson Town Center? What does it say when residents of those communities are coming to Brookline to shop? Isn't it time to rethink how we spend our hard-earned money? Shop local!

Finally, as a board member of **SPDC**, your editor has been challenged to sign up 20 new members for the organization. So we are challenging you dear reader to become a member of **SPDC**. **Jan Beiler's** letter on page 6 will introduce you to **SPDC's** work in the community. If you can volunteer, that's great, please do. If you can't volunteer at this time, your \$10 membership will allow **SPDC** to continue the programs that better our community. Please accept our challenge. We are asking you to sign up ONE new member – you!

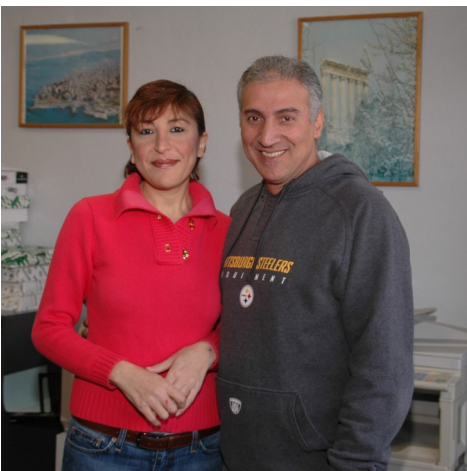


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If you need a printer look no further than **South Hills Printing**. Yes we are biased. If it weren't for **Mel and Samar Abboud**, you wouldn't be reading this right now. From the first issue of **The Brookline**, Mel has helped to tweak the layout and improve the quality of the newsletter. "This is my work so I want it to look good," Mel said while we worked to get one troublesome issue done. **South Hills Printing** is a family operated business that has been in operation for 18 years. Their prices are competitive and fair. We can confirm the excellent service Mel and Samar provide.



Samar and Mel Abboud are waiting for you at **South Hills Printing**.

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When you walk in the door, Samar greets you from her desk in the back of the shop as she makes her way to the front counter. Ask Samar to show you the large sample book of wedding invitations. The variety of styles left us wishing we had a need for wedding invitations. If your dream invitation isn't in one of the books, ask about a custom design. These people aim to please.

Mel's background is in computer science. After years of working in the field, he wanted to open his own business. "I thought everything would be with computers. Little did I know how much I would have to learn about printing." We think his background has served him well because he has worked magic for us.

If it's a large printing job or just photocopies you need, visit **South Hills Printing**. Mel and Samar own property in Brookline and have a stake in the community. They want to see Brookline prosper, and we want to ensure that Mel and Samar stay in Brookline.

-Pamela Grabowski



Counting Down The Brookline Print Edition



The countdown has begun. Remember back in October when we said that the end of our funding was drawing near? Well it's six months away. This issue, January 2010 is number six in the countdown. There is no government funding available. We have had no success finding any private funding either. If you have any ideas on how to fund the newsletter, send them, email them or call us with your ideas.

We welcome your contributions as well. No amount is too small. Plus, it's tax deductible! Merchants please consider placing an ad in **The Brookline**. Even a one month ad will help. Please help those who still need paper. Send your contribution to **The Brookline** at the address below.



Santa Claus and some of his fans at the Memorial Tree lighting ceremony in November. It was frigid, but fun.

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50 WAYS TO SURVIVE WINTER SING-A-LONG

Your entries were very creative as we expected. Mark your calendar for February 2 at 6:00PM. We will meet at the **Brookline Pub**. After our sing-a-long, stop in the Pub for dinner. If the Pub fills to capacity, walk down to **Antonio's Pizza** for a slice or up to **Moonlite** for a bowl of their excellent wedding soup. No time to stop, get take-out at **Mateo's**. Don't forget to bring the song lyrics on page five with you. Page six has the SPDC membership form. Bring the completed form and your \$10.00. You can sing and join at same time!

Check out The Brookline Connection www.brooklineconnection.com.

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**SENATOR
WAYNE FONTANA**

American Humorist Arnold H. Glasgow once said that “One of the true tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency.” The leadership of the City of Pittsburgh’s Emergency Medical Services is particularly evident in its Envelope of LIFE Program; an effort to ensure that paramedics have the life-saving information they need to help you and your family in times of crisis.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported in 2006 that 1,600,000 emergency room patients could not provide contact information because they were incapacitated. The Pittsburgh EMS program addresses exactly that situation – the Envelope of LIFE contains a standardized form that includes life saving information for the use of personnel in an emergency including medical problems, medications, allergies, emergency contact information, physicians’ information, hospital preferences, and other relevant information.

The form takes only a few minutes to complete and then is placed on your fridge, or other easily located place, as a resource in the event of an emergency. An Envelope of LIFE should be completed for everyone in your household regardless of their age. The information affords peace of mind to parents who leave their children in another’s care, provides important details for those who live alone, and offers seniors the comfort of having vital information available whenever it is needed.

Pittsburgh EMS also provides a magnetic pocket on request that is a great storage place for your important medical documents as well as the Envelope of LIFE form. For more information on the program, or to download the form yourself, visit the Pittsburgh EMS website at http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/ems/html/envelope_of_life.html or call their offices at 412-622-6930 and ask that a packet be mailed to your home. The form is also available on my website or at my office for your convenience.



**STATE REPRESENTATIVE
CHELSA WAGNER**

Winter is here, and many families are thinking about ways to keep utility bills low and save energy. An effective and long-lasting way to reduce energy usage is to weatherize our homes.

The City of Pittsburgh recently began accepting applications for grants to homeowners for weatherization projects such as window replacements, crack patching, weather stripping, and insulating pipes and water tanks. Due to the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 10 times the amount of weatherization funding will be available in Pennsylvania as in past years. Weatherization can significantly lower utility bills, reduce the use of fuels that cause pollution, and create jobs and investment in our communities. Applicants can earn up to twice the federal poverty level: \$21,660 for an individual or \$44,100 for a family of four. For more information, or to apply, call (412) 227-5700 ext. 2102.

Homeowners can also perform a simple energy audit that can help reduce energy usage.

A self-audit can detect easy-to-spot places that allow warm air to escape and cold air to enter your home like drafty windows and doors. Simple, inexpensive steps such as adding weather stripping to windows and doors, and replacing old incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs will lead to immediate savings of both energy and money.

I also wanted to remind you that Pennsylvania's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is now open for applications. LIHEAP provides cash grants to help low-income families heat their homes. A family of four with an annual income of up to \$33,075 can qualify for this assistance.

Applications are now available through the Allegheny County Department of Human Services by calling 1-800-851-3838. Or, you can stop by my constituent service office at 900 Brookline Blvd., where my staff can provide you with an application and any assistance you may need in completing it.

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Rina’s husband **Dave Constantine** helps out by calling customers when their alterations are completed. *Photo by HK Photo Studio*

JOANNE'S CORNER

Things that aren't here anymore - Part Twelve



Joanne Fantoni reminiscing with some attendees at the Fifties Picnic last year. Photo by **Jan Beiler**

I'm sure everyone remembers the predecessors to this newsletter **The Brookline**. Back in 1933, Dale Noah began publishing **The Brookline Journal**. In 1964 the cost of each copy was five cents mailed to your home every Thursday. The Journal office was located on the boulevard at the bottom of Creedmoor Avenue. The paper consisted of several pages of all the latest

news in Brookline plus ads from most of the merchants. People couldn't wait to receive the Journal and read it. Sadly, Dale Noah retired in 1982, and the Journal ceased publication.

In 1991, **Rob Frank** and his father **Edward** began publishing the **Brookline News** from their home. **Ed Frank** was a photographer for the Pittsburgh Press, so he had some experience. They used to bring the paper from their home in Mt. Washington by bus to Brookline. That ended in 1998 because of the difficulties in publishing and delivery.

So, **Pittsburgh Journal** began publication of a paper which covered Brookline, Beechview and Overbrook. It eventually dropped Brookline because of lack of news.

In addition, the original **Brookline Shopper** was before the **Brookline Journal**. Does anyone have any information on that? Obviously we can't publish and deliver **The Brookline** for the five cents it cost in 1964. We want desperately to continue this publication, but funds are drying up. Our grant money will run out in July 2010. Because of the State of Pennsylvania's financial situation NO grant money is available.

If you are enjoying this newsletter, please help us to keep it going by donating to **The Brookline**, c/o SPDC, PO Box 9606, Pittsburgh, PA 15226. Don't let another newsletter go down the drain!

Question of the month: Does anyone remember the cowboy who used to direct traffic at Capitol & West Liberty, or on the Boulevard?

-Joanne Fantoni

Last Month's Memory Teaser

Question: What was the make and year of the car in front of **Reisacker's Market** pictured in my October column?

Answer: 1929 Chevy

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END OF YEAR REDD-UP RECAP



I wanted to let everyone know that the Pitt Make A Difference Day (October 17, 2009) event went very well. Boris Weinstein had contacted me in the spring of 2009 to get Brookline on board for 42 student volunteers to help us cleanup litter and make our neighborhood a better place. Thank you, Boris.

The Pitt students were enthusiastic and the South Pittsburgh Development Corp. team leaders had a great time working with them. Even though the weather was cold and dreary, we had six team leaders come out and help with this event. Everyone did an outstanding job! We collected roughly 60 bags of litter from these areas:

- Brookline Blvd. & service alley from CVS to the cannon
- Brookline Blvd. from the cannon to Whited St.
- Pioneer Ave. greenway heading towards West Liberty Ave.
- Capital Ave. from Pioneer Ave. to West Liberty Ave.
- City steps from West Liberty Ave. to Moore Park

We got all of this done within two and a half hours. It looked so much better afterward. A clean neighborhood invites good feelings and good business!

- Keith Knecht



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50 WAYS TO SURVIVE WINTER



We knew there were lyricists in Brookline! There were two entries with complete songs, and three entries with verses. We were really impressed with your efforts.

Now everyone is going to meet at the **Brookline Pub** on February 2, 2010 at 6:00PM. Warm up your vocal cords and join us in song. After our song fest, stop in the Pub and warm up with a brew or a cup of java. Have a bite to eat, too. Make this your night out. Join your neighbors! Winter is halfway over. We don't care what the Groundhog says!

Lynne Cannoy Knecht

The problem is staying inside your house,
she said to me
The answer is easy if you take it logically
I'd like to help you in your struggle to
stay warm
There must be fifty ways to survive winter

Get out the quilt, Milt
Stack wood on the fire, Meyer
Rub cream on your face, Grace
Ignore the snow
Curl up with the cat, Matt
Simmer some stew, Hugh
Button up your vest, West
Let the winds blow

Microwave your drawers, George
Wrap a scarf 'round your head, Fred
Avoid the winda', Linda
It's a dreary view
Take up Pilates, Dottie
Learn to play the guitar, Lars
Paint a tropical scene, Jean
Bid winter adieu

No need to sequester, Chester
Cuddle up with a friend, Glenn
Lock lips with your girl, Merle
You can stay warm
Roll around with the pooch, Hooch
Jitterbug on the rug, Doug
No need to get flabby, Gabby
Don't be forlorn

Hang up a wreath, Keith
Read a good thriller, Killer
In fingerless gloves, love
Brew up some tea
Use a hot water bottle, Hodl
Soak in the tub, Bub
Heat up a toddy, Maudie
Set yourself free

Wear shoes with traction, Jackson
Cover your ears, dears
Grow flowers inside, Clyde
Keep faith alive
Give the birds suet, Juit
Bake a parsnip pie, Di
Cross-country ski, Lee
We gotta survive

Lynne added a Steelers verse because any good Pittsburgh song needs a Steelers reference.

Cheer the Steelers to win, Lynne
Cut up confetti, Betty
Twirl a terrible towel, Kyle
Hooray, Black 'n Gold
Brew beer in a barrel, Darrel
Tailgate in the kitchen, Gretchen
With the halftime chef, Jeff
(or: With a pot of chili, Willie)
Nah, we're not cold

Joanne Fantoni

Learn to skate, Kate
Turn up the heat, Pete
Shovel the snow, Joe
Put on a hat, Pat
Snuggle in bed, Fred
Don't get the flu, Lou
Drink a cup of tea, Lee
Ride a sleigh, Ray
Get a sled, Ted
See a snowflake, Jake
Ski down a slope, Hope

Mary Ellen McNulty

Get a fake tan, Dan
Pour out a shot, Dot
Stoke up the flames, James
Cover your head, Fred

Debbie Holden & Danielle Garrubba Commuity Bank

Keep the door closed, Rose
Don't get the flu, Sue
You can hibernate, Kate
Or just go out and skate.

You gotta keep warm, Norm
Turn up the heat, Pete,
You need a new rug, Doug
It'll keep you snug.

Play on the web, Deb
You can catch a big wave, Dave
Take a long trip, Rip
And try not to slip

Go to the Bahamas, Mama
Fly to Miami, Grammy
It won't be so bad, Dad
Just listen to me...

You can do some tricks, Nick
Take a long nap, Pap
Have a sip of gin, Lynn
And visit your kin.

Go see Minnie, Vinnie
Fight off the chill, Bill
Get in the van, Dan
Just do what you can.

Brookline Baby Boomer

Get a fur hat, Matt
Jump on a plane, Jane
Go to St. Croix, Roy
Turn up the heat, Pete
Cover your nose, Rose





Hi Neighbor



Hi Neighbor:

I want to tell you a little about the **South Pittsburgh Development Corp.**, of which my husband Bob and I are currently Board Members and past officers.

SPDC was started about 14 years ago trying to stop the Section 8 housing site that was scheduled to be built on the 1.2 acres located at the corner of Jacob and Whited Streets here in Brookline. With much determination by the founding members, SPDC was incorporated by the Federal Government and achieved a 501(c)3 status with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

After many years of trying with the various administrations in the City of Pittsburgh, we have just recently been able to lease the **Jacob/Whited Streets** property which is now a Greenway, and, with a grant from the State, landscaped and built the stone wall and flag pole welcoming all to Brookline. We are very proud of our achievement.

Along with this project, we also are responsible for many improvements in Brookline, including the **Earth Day Redd-Up** projects, **Brookline History Book**, **Golden Broom Awards**, the **Spring Fling Event**, **Broom and Shovel Give-Away** to Brookline Boulevard merchants, **Doggie Pots** on the telephone poles and of course, **The Brookline**, which is a monthly newsletter all about Brookline.

We would love to have you join our all-volunteer organization and become involved with the Jacob/Whited project, which will require constant maintenance by residents. We meet every month except July and August on the third Monday at 7:00 PM. Our meetings are currently being held at the **Brookline Boulevard United Presbyterian Church**, by the Cannon, on the second floor.

If you would like to join us in any capacity, our next meeting is on January 18, 2010.

Sincerely,

Jan Beiler

Board Member

Website Coordinator



SPDC Membership Form

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FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Improvements to one of the most popular online services in government — the *Retirement Estimator*, located at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator — allow more people than ever before to get a personalized and instant estimate of future Social Security retirement benefits.

Since its launch last year, the *Retirement Estimator* has provided more than four million personalized estimates, and is one of the most highly rated online services in government.

The most recent customer satisfaction numbers are at an all-time high. The latest report from the *American Customer Satisfaction Index* for E-Government ranks the *Retirement Estimator* as the top service at 91 percent. It is followed closely by Social Security's online retirement application, with a 90 percent customer satisfaction rating and the Medicare *Extra Help* application, with an 87 percent rating. These three Social Security services are the top three online services in government.

You may be wondering: if the *Retirement Estimator* is the most popular online service in government, what can be done to improve it?

One major improvement is that more people will be able to use it. Previously, people who had not yet filed for monthly Social Security benefits but who were already enrolled in Medicare were not able to take advantage of the service. Now they can. So if you have Medicare coverage but have delayed filing for your Social Security benefits and you would like to get an estimate of your future benefits, just visit www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

Other improvements are coming soon. Next year, the *Retirement Estimator* will be the first online service available in Spanish.

Would you like to get an immediate and personalized estimate of your retirement benefits right now? Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. To get an estimate, you'll need to enter your first and last name, date and place of birth, Social Security number, and mother's maiden name. If the information matches Social Security's records, the *Retirement Estimator* combines this information with the information that Social Security has on record, including your yearly earnings, to provide a quick and reliable online benefit estimate.

While you're checking out the most popular online service in government, try out some of our other online services and information as well. You can find it all at www.socialsecurity.gov.

- LeeAnn Stuever

Social Security Manager, Pittsburgh



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



CITY COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

I am humbled to have just been elected to represent Brookline on Pittsburgh's City Council District 4. I am grateful for all of the well wishes from community, inspired by those of you that I have been able to meet, and looking forward to meeting those of you working to make Brookline a better place.

I was born and raised in South Pittsburgh, and graduated from Carrick High School as well as Carnegie Mellon University where I earned a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Management. My professional background is in management and technology.

Many of you have seen me at meetings of the **Brookline Block Watch**, **Brookline Area Community Council**, and **South Pittsburgh Development Corporation**. My heart is in community work, and I know that Brookline needs to attract more investment in order to keep our neighborhood an attractive destination to live and work.

Now the hard work begins. With everything that we all want to see in Brookline, I am not going to be able to do anything without your help. The one thing that you need to know about me is that my City Council office will always be there for you.

Please feel free to contact my City Council office at any time. Like all City Council offices, mine will be located in the City-County Building downtown. You can stop by or call 412-255-2142. Our office - which also represents Beechview, Carrick, Overbrook, Bon Air, and the southern tip of Mt. Washington - can always be reached through my website at www.nataliarudiak.com. Thank you, and I look forward to working with you over the next four years to build a better Pittsburgh.

JANUARY AT THE LIBRARY

For Kids and Teens:

Storytimes

Baby/Toddler: Stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays. For children birth through age 3 with a caregiver. Thursdays, January 7 - 28 at 11:00 AM

Preschool: Stories, songs, games and the occasional craft. For children ages 3-5 with parent or caregiver. Thursdays, January 7 through 28 at 12:30 PM

Craft Club

Warm up your winter on an African safari. Join us to craft wild and wonderful animals from recycled soda bottles. Grades K-8. Younger children should be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Monday, January 11 at 4:00 PM.



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, January 7 & 21 at 3:30 PM.

Winter Wonderland

We're adding sparkle and spice to the season with a winter story, snowy crafts and a cookie contest. Grades K - 8. Monday, January 4 at 4:00 PM. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

Get Your Game On

Come try your skills at the **Wii**. Grades 6-12. Registration is not required. Bring your friends! Wednesday, January 13 at 3:30 PM.

Teen Book Club

Monday, January 25 at 4:00 PM – Reading *The Uglies* by Scott Westerfield. Grades 6 – 12 are welcome.



For Adults:

Explore new ideas and perspectives through fiction and non-fiction. New members are always welcome. Adults 18 and older.

Monday Evening Book Discussion – Monday, January 25 6:00 PM – Reading *The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler.

Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion – Wednesday, January 20 1:00 PM – Reading *Cheaper by the Dozen* by Frank B. Gilbreth, Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey.

Call for Volunteers

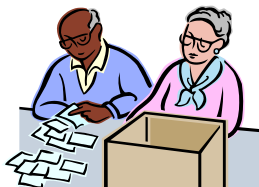
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- **CLOTHES CLOSET MINISTRY** call **Brookline United Presbyterian Church** at 412-531-0590

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. Add a grocery store gift card to your shopping cart for the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry**. Send it to the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry**

c/o Pat Erny

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Paul Revere earned his living as a silversmith. But what do we remember him for? His *volunteer* work. All activism is volunteering in that it's done above and beyond earning a living and deals with what people really care passionately about. Remember, no one gets *paid* to rebel. All revolutions start with volunteers.
- Susan J. Ellis

THIS MONTH

January 11

Chamber of Commerce 6:00PM at Magistrate Jim Motznik's office 736 Brookline Blvd. The Chamber will be starting their annual membership drive. This year they will be working on putting together an updated Business and Community Directory, hopefully to be completed by March 2010.

January 12

Brookline Block Watch 7:00PM at Magistrate Jim Motznik's office 736 Brookline Blvd.

January 18

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

January 25

Brookline Area Community Council 7:30PM at St. Mark's Church corner of Brookline Blvd. & Glenarm Ave. Topic will be taxes from IRS filings to rebates and the new county assessments.



*WEDDING PLANNER
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BROOKLINE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The October 26, 2009 meeting of the Brookline Area Community Council (BACC) focused on the proposed Obama health plan for America. Adam Pope from Senator Arlen Specter's office and Paul Dellasandro from Congressman Mike Doyle's office spoke.

Both men said their bosses, Specter and Doyle, are solidly behind some kind of health care reform. There are just too many citizens in this country without health care so something must be done. Some in attendance had concerns regarding the public option, medicare and non-citizens who may receive health care under the new reforms. Pope and Dellasandro emphasized that it is indeed a moral issue that all citizens be able to receive health care in America.

Attendees also raised questions about the possibility of increased Medicare premiums in the coming year, keeping familiar doctors, and insurers' positions on pre-existing conditions under the proposed plan.

While no definitive consensus for a health care plan could be established, the audience agreed that Pope and Dellasandro did their best to present information on the new health plan proposed. They let us know that our representatives in Harrisburg and Washington, DC are working with our interests in mind.

Thanks to the BACC for hosting this meeting. Look for upcoming meetings sponsored by the BACC.

-Kathleen M. Papaleo

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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 at 3:30PM - 4:15PM. Ages 6 - 8 at 4:30PM - 5:30PM Program is FREE.

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 8:45PM. Ages 7 and up. Subnovis, novis and open divisions are trained by Mike and Carlos.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

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 with Pilates with **Roxanne Eibeck**, a trained Pilates instructor. Mon. and Thurs. 6:15PM to 7:30PM \$30.00 for 10 workouts.

Yoga with **Lori Grable**, a certified yoga instructor. Tues. 6:15PM to 7:30PM \$50 for 6 week session or \$10 per class.

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.

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GOOD-BYE CHARLIE



This January will end an era of justice, fairness, helpfulness and fun on Brookline Boulevard. Since 1985 when **Charlie McLaughlin** ran for and won the office of District Justice his office has been the place to go for many to get the help they need to solve difficult problems.

Fairness did not stop Charlie from being tough. His mandatory community service hours for truants became, at least for some, a way to learn how to live and help the community while paying for their offenses. One young lady used her community service at **Seton Center** to learn how to be a secretary and personal assistant. She is working as one right now and her continued success should be a matter of pride for Charlie. One young man assigned to clean up a public area near Moore Park met a landscaper while doing his "time" who hired him. He is still working at cutting grass and shoveling snow while he finishes college.

Charlie never turned down a request for help. From notarizing papers to advice on how to handle neighbor problems, he was available and willing to help guide people who were not sure what to do. There are many stories going around the neighborhood as we approach the end of this era.

His active participation in the **Brookline Chamber of Commerce**, being a member of the board of **Seton Center**, advisor and supporter of **Brookline Block Watch** are just some of the ways he supported and showed his caring for Brookline as a community.

One thing we are reminded of this time of year is Charlie's Christmas Parties which were open to all of the members of the community as well as every political person in Pittsburgh. Fun times were had by all and will be missed especially the Brandy Cherries.

With every ending there is a beginning and as **Jimmy Motznik** takes over there will be changes that we all can look forward to while we remember the Charlie era.

Good luck and we will see you on the Boulevard!!

-Annette Ferrieri

BROOKLINE SAYS GOOD-BYE



Clockwise from top left: **Lou DeFelice & Charlie**; **Sheilah Barnes & Kyle McLaughlin** (Charlie's grandson); **Linda Boss, Lois McCafferty, Lois Stanizzo, & Judy Herbermann**; **Sister Barbara Boss, Mary Ann Heneroty & Mike Heneroty**; **Deborah Amato, Tony Amato & Pat Khalil**; **Samar Abboud, Ellen Pearson, Dan Svitko & Mel Abboud**; **Mary & Bill Robertson**; **Evelyn Streng & Joe Szuminsky**; **Charlie & John Mazza**; **Theresa Rocco** (seated), **Annette Ferrieri, Pat Brooks & Robert Frank**.

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