

Letter from the Editor



Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Spring has finally arrived. We don't even mind the rain this year. We are planning many walks up and down the Boulevard. You should do the same. You have more power than you realize. Currently, we have many of the products that people have been requesting. **Las Palmas** has fresh produce and meat. There's **Cannon Coffee** where you can meet a friend and talk. Or, you can continue a discussion started at the One Book One Community meeting at **Carnegie Library**. There's a plethora of restaurants serving a variety of enticing food. **Mateo's** new location reminds us of a small European café. Bring your bottle of red wine and enjoy! You decide who stays and who goes on the Boulevard with your wallet.

We tire of the familiar refrain we hear on the bus, "I never go to the Boulevard. There's nothing there." Soon we will have a new ice cream shop, **Scoops on the Boulevard**. This month **Keith Knecht** and his crew of dedicated volunteers will clean the Boulevard. **Jacqueline Capatolla** and **Harmonie King** created a Wedding Planner that should generate interest from anyone planning that special event. **Commander Scott Schubert** and his officers continue to make Brookline a safe place to live. What more do you want? We'd like to know. Now it's your turn. We want to see you on the Boulevard.

Finally, we want to honor the one year anniversary of the deaths of Pittsburgh Police Officers **Eric G. Kelly**, **Paul Sciuolo II** and Brookline resident **Stephen J. Mayhle**. To the officers who serve, we thank you.

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Have you introduced your car to every pothole in Pittsburgh? Is your car doing a shimmy shake that would make a dancer envious? Then it's time you and your car met **Mike Wega** of **MJ Automotive Service Center LLC**. Mike offers a full range of car services and inspections. If Mike can't fix your car, he will direct you to someone who can. **MJ Automotive** celebrated ten years of business in December. Mike started his business in Brookline because the people are nice and tended to hold on to their cars. In the time he's been at the corner of Pioneer Avenue and Brookline Boulevard, he's never had a problem with theft or vandalism.

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If you ask longtime Brookline resident **Dottie Grant** about **MJ Automotive**, she'll tell you about the time she dropped off her car for repair and inadvertently dropped an envelope with cash. When she returned and asked about the missing cash, the mechanic told her, "Yes we found it. We put it in your glove compartment."

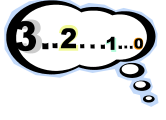
MJ Automotive is fair and honest with customers. They use quality parts, and they take the time to find the problem. Wouldn't it be nice to take your car in for repair and not worry that you were being "taken for a ride." **MJ Automotive** is local and reputable. Your neighbor is probably taking his car there. Call **MJ Automotive** to make an appointment for your next inspection or repair.



-Pamela Grabowski



Counting Down The Brookline Print Edition



Three months and counting for the print edition of **The Brookline**. As we told you last month, we have increased our advertising which is wonderful. We are grateful for the merchants' support. More advertising creates the need for another page. Our printing costs are increasing. We are not out of trouble. We continue to search for a permanent way to support the print edition of the newsletter. Some of you have contacted us with fundraising ideas. **THANK YOU!** We are exploring every idea that has been offered. If you have any suggestions on how to fund the newsletter, send them, email them or call us with your ideas. Our readers and the merchants have told us they like what we are doing. Now just support us—PLEASE!



LOOKING FOR FLAGS



Do you or does your neighbor fly the flag daily? We are looking for pictures, names and stories. Why do you fly the flag? We want to feature these stories along with flag etiquette in the May, June and July issues, but we need to hear from you. Please contact us.



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Clint Burton has archived past issues of **The Brookline** at www.brooklineconnection.com. If there's an article you want to revisit or one you want to pass on to a friend, you can find them at Clint's site. Bookmark **The Brookline Connection** along with our site to keep up with local events and local team scores.

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**SENATOR
WAYNE FONTANA**

Everyone wants to live, work and play in a clean and green community, but it's up to everyone to make it possible and improve the overall quality of life for us all. The Great American Cleanup of PA is a two-week event (April 17th – May 1st) in which Pennsylvanians across the state (and Americans across the nation) can do their part by cleaning up litter and trash along our roadsides, streams, parks, forests and neighborhoods.

Registered events can get free cleanup supplies, such as bags, gloves, and vests donated by PennDOT and Keep America Beautiful. Participating landfills are also sponsoring free disposal for registered events. Last year's event included all 67 counties with 4,837 separate events involving 171,940 volunteers. A total of 6.9 million pounds of trash was collected from Pennsylvania's landscape – and tens of thousands of trees, bulbs and flowers have been planted.

Locally, the **South Pittsburgh Development Corporation (SPDC)** has been a large part of that effort since 2004. This year is no exception as SPDC will once again be doing more than its part to clean up our neighborhood. On Saturday, April 17th, beginning at 9 a.m., volunteers from our neighborhood will meet at **Cannon Coffee** (802 Brookline Boulevard) for a complimentary coffee and pastry before heading out to clean up litter, gather recyclables, and pick up other trash. Brookline Boulevard will be cleaned from Whited to Pioneer, including the service alley, greenway areas, and other sites that collect large amounts of litter. They are also coordinating with others in the community to organize kids to clean Brookline and Moore Parks.

If you're interested in joining with your neighbors to volunteer for this worthwhile event, please contact **SPDC's** coordinator of the event, **Keith Knecht**, by email (kek33@verizon.net) or phone at home (412-561-4482) or his office (412-391-6036). **SPDC** is also encouraging people to contact them if they see an area that needs attention so that they can try to hit it.



**CITY COUNCILWOMAN
NATALIA RUDIAK**

The snow has finally melted, the flooding has passed, and as our community shakes off the bitter cold winter we need to prepare our communities for a beautiful and sunny spring and summer. Recently, my staff and I fanned out across the district with our notepads and phones at the ready, reporting potholes, litter, buckled sidewalks, and abandoned cars to our City's 311 department. What we saw was a stellar community that needs to be picked up!

We need your help, too. When you are out in the neighborhood, please take notice of fallen tree limbs, downed power lines, potholes, buckled sidewalks, trash, and any other eye sore and call it in to our office or 311 so we can help keep our neighborhood clean!

But, as we all know, there are some properties that continue to be problems time and time again. The City of



**STATE REPRESENTATIVE
CHELSA WAGNER**

By now there is not much left to remind us of February's monster snowstorms except the lingering frustration of the difficult cleanup. Soon after the snow stopped falling, my office began receiving calls from residents who were unable to get an adequate response from the city. During and after the storm, my staff responded to phone and e-mail messages and relayed concerns to the city. We continued to follow up on complaints for weeks afterward as we all tried to get out and get around.

Although, as a state official, I have no control over snow removal, it was clear to me that residents needed a forum to voice their concerns other than repeated phone calls. This is why I held a town hall meeting at **St. Mark's Church** on the evening of February 25. While I was disappointed that representatives of the city administration declined invitations to attend, I was joined by City Council members **Natalia Rudiak**, Bruce Kraus, and Theresa Smith, who did their best to answer questions and respond to concerns. I was pleased that this meeting was respectful and allowed my office to identify several remaining problem areas. I was also happy to hear constructive suggestions on improving snow cleanup from many of those in attendance.

On March 1, I sent a letter to the Mayor and the Director of Public Works identifying areas that still needed to be addressed, including routes children use to walk to school, PAT bus routes and areas around stops, and city steps. I also suggested notifying neighborhood groups when snow removal would be taking place so that vehicles could be moved.

My office has also compiled the comments received at the meeting and the results of a survey distributed there as well as on my Web site and in my office. These have also been forwarded to the mayor and the proper city departments for their consideration.

While it will remain to be seen until at least next winter if our concerns and suggestions will be acted upon by the city, I am hopeful that our actions have been a catalyst for improved planning, communication, and services, and I thank all of those who participated.

Pittsburgh has a disruptive properties ordinance that allows these properties to be charged increased fees every time a public safety or code enforcement official is called out to their property. In order for a property to be considered "disruptive" it must have had either the police, animal control, or environmental services write a citation to the property owner or occupant three times in a 60 day period. If that occurs, the Public Safety Director may designate the property as disruptive.

If you are having issues with a disruptive property, please call my office, environmental services, animal control, or the police depending upon the severity or nature of the incident. And remember, a clean and vibrant neighborhood requires committed and diligent neighbors that work together to solve problems.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call my office at (412) 255-2131.

JOANNE'S CORNER

Things that aren't here anymore - Part Fourteen

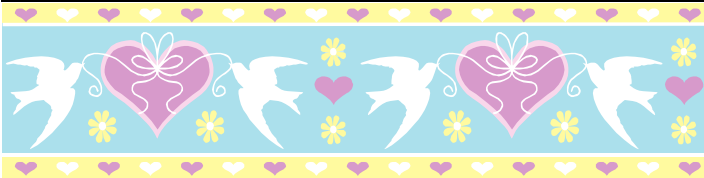
Since I received a lot of reader response on the column about **Earl the Cowboy**, I thought I might key in on another colorful Brookliner, **Rich Corey**. You must remember Rich—sometimes dressed in female garb—most often shirtless. Usually with a guitar slung over his shoulder sitting on a wall by **CoGo's**—very tan before tanning beds were popular. Every Mass at Resurrection, Rich would be in attendance having slept in one of the pews all night. That was before they had to lock up churches. I hear that Rich still lives in Brookline and can be found at the **Food Mart** on the Boulevard below **Parkside Manor**. Anyone who has pictures or any info about Rich or Cowboy Earl, please let me know. By the way, Earl lived on Dunster Street with his brother's family, and his name was **Earl Edmonds**. I was reminded that he also dressed as an Indian.

Question of the Month: Do you remember the names of the longtime beat cops on the Boulevard?

Last Month's Memory Teaser

Question of the Month: What was the name of Dale Noah's editorial column?

Answer: Do you Noah?



WEDDING PLANNER

Jacqueline Capatolla of **Jacqueline's Day Spa** and **Harmonie King** of **HK Photo Studio** created a **Brookline Wedding Planner**. Sixteen Brookline businesses are working together to simplify wedding arrangements, saving time, money and stress as you plan your perfect day.

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Jordan Gustine is the wedding coordinator. She can explain the different packages and guide you through the process. Contact her through Jacqueline at 412-341-1354.

We have been encouraging our readers to check out the local merchants, and now Jacqueline and Harmonie have assembled a planning guide to make the process easier.

See page ten for a picture of the **Brookline Wedding Planner** and a list of participating merchants who carry the planner. Planner information is also available at Jacqueline's recently opened Grant Building location. Pick a flyer up for your engaged friends and relatives too.

-*Pamela Grabowski*

READERS' RESPONSE

My sister Linda just picked up a copy of *The Brookline* while out and about, and just called me to relate the story of Earl that had printed. My sisters and I grew up on Dunster Street, and knew quite well for many years his family with whom he lived; his sister and brother-in-law, **Roy and Mary Sullivan**. Mary often baby sat for us, and helped out my mother, Nina, with housekeeping when we were younger. We knew that they cared for several cats, and my mother would usually send one of us girls up to their house bringing leftovers to help with feeding those cats. (God knows how we ever managed to have leftovers; we had eight kids!)

Earl seemed quite harmless, and as far as I know, never harmed anyone. As a side note, most of the kids in the Brookline area knew him as "Boopie."

Thanks for the remembrances of a true Brookline character!

-*Jo Ann Colonna Zilch, Overbrook*



This photo appeared in the Sun-Telegraph two days before Christmas in 1943. The Second World War was raging in Europe, North Africa, and in the Pacific. A fund was established by the Sun-Telegraph newspaper to purchase Christmas gifts for wounded servicemen who were being treated in local hospitals. Cub Scout Pack 18, which was based at the **United Presbyterian Church**, collected \$25 for the fund. An entourage of Cubs from the pack presented the donation. The boys in the photo are (l. to r.): Seated – **Jimmy Karl, Gary Stepp, Jack Gessner, and Jimmy Hoetzlein**. Standing – **Herman Evert, Roger Neubauer, Don Sayenga, Don Little, Bob Campbell, Bob McCartney, Ron Thompson, and Paul Conrad**.

At the time, **Gary Stepp's** father was the Cubmaster. He was an inspirational leader. Pack 18 was large and active, with about fifty Cubs organized into seven dens.

-*D. Sayenga, Tucson, AZ*



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Brookline Boulevard Improvements Project Update

Yes, this project has been talked about for too many years. About 17 months ago, the **South Pittsburgh Development Corp., Brookline Chamber of Commerce** and **Brookline Area Community Council**, stepped forward in a joint effort to follow this project. Assisting us in making the initial contact with **Pat Hassett** at the City of Pittsburgh was **State Senator Wayne Fontana** and **State Rep. Chelsa Wagner's** office. A chairperson from the community/business group is working with **Pat Hassett** and his team to keep this project on task.

Our first step was the open meeting we held on May 5, 2009, where the residents and business owners of Brookline, had the opportunity to express their thoughts on the new Brookline Boulevard design plans. Since then, there have been several meetings with **Pat Hassett**, City of Pittsburgh, Maguire Group, and Baker Corp. regarding the plans for the Brookline Boulevard Improvement Project. The project consists of improvements to a 1/2 mile section of Brookline Boulevard from Pioneer Avenue to Starkamp Street. The existing pavement width of Brookline Boulevard is 65 feet from curb to curb, which includes parallel parking on the residential side and 45 degree angled parking with a maneuvering area on the business side. There are approximately 64 parallel parking spaces on the residential side and 126 angled parking spaces on the business side.

The proposed improvements include the following:

- Geometric improvements to the intersection of Brookline Boulevard and Pioneer Avenue
- New curbs and sidewalks on both the residential and business side
- Intersection improvements including bumpouts, new curb ramps, and new traffic signals
- Mill and overlay of existing roadway pavement
- New signing and pavement markings
- New street lighting
- New parking meters
- New drainage inlets
- Upgrade or abandonment of existing sidewalk vaults
- New landscaping and streetscape
- Conversion of parking on Chelton Avenue from angled to parallel

The \$5 million funding is in place and will be available in the fall of 2011, the final plans will be submitted in the summer of 2011, sooner if possible. Groundbreaking should be no later than the fall of 2011. Construction should last one construction season.

The Brookline proposed design plans can be viewed at: <http://www.brooklineconnection.com/history/Reconstruct/BlvdFuture.html>. [See page 10.]

Updates on this project are given at our **SPDC/BCC** meetings. You are welcome to attend **South Pittsburgh Development Corp.** meetings held the third Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at **Brookline Boulevard United Presbyterian Church** and **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** meetings held the second Monday of every month at 5:45 PM at the **Carnegie Library** on Brookline Boulevard.

-Lois McCafferty

SETON-LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL



The following Brookline residents made the Honor Roll at **Seton-La Salle High School** in the fall 2009-10 semester. *-Marilyn Walsh*

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BROOKLINE'S EMMY LINK

Brookline resident and Pittsburgh native, **Tim Kepner**, has a job that many people would love to have. He is an audio-visual technician who has done some very exciting work.

Kepner's job mainly consists of work such as music mixing, music producing, sound design, audio editing and mastering, entertainment broadcast, variety broadcast, and sports broadcast. He has worked small venues such as clubs to large television events such as the Grammys. He has even done the audio and visual work for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Mt. Lebanon native got his start in the audio business when a college band mate got him a job at a local sound company. From that time on he would try to get audio related work whenever he could. He got a job at the Hollowood Music and Sound Company located in McKees Rocks. From there on he worked at several other sound and audio companies most specifically NEP which deals with sports events and Unitel which deals with entertainment events. All of the companies he has worked with have been located in or around the Pittsburgh area.

Since 1994 Kepner has been doing freelance work. He owns a flight pack audio recording system that he can take with him on jobs if the client doesn't already have equipment for him to use. He also has an in home suite where he can do editing, mixing and mastering. Usually he does most of his work on location.

"All of my work is through word of mouth." He has no need to advertise his services, the work finds him.

Kepner has always had an interest in music, he began playing the drums at the age of 15. Besides playing in the Mt. Lebanon High School band he played in several rock'n'roll bands in high school.

He went on to study to become a city planner in college at Penn State University and graduated in 1979. In 1984 he went to the Cleveland Institute of Electronics and graduated from there in 1986.

Through his career Kepner has gotten the chance to meet many celebrities such as the band, The New Kids on the Block as well as some WWF wrestlers, just to name a few. Yet, his attitude towards meeting celebrities is very laid back. Kepner said, "I've been doing it for so long that you kinda take it for granted."

"It was fun when I would do the shows and I would get to work with a band who I idolized as a kid."

His work has lead him to several awards. Kepner has won two Emmys, his most recent from 2009 for his technical work on "NBC Presents: The 2008 Chicago Marathon." In 2003 he also won an MTV "Moon Man" for 20 years of service to MTV.

Kepner also enjoys his job because he gets to spend more time with his young son, he also enjoys the environment the job brings with it. "I like working with different people in different places. I couldn't imagine working a nine to five job."



Tim Kepner with his wife **Cynthia Devine Kepner** and their son **Lane**.

-Photo provided by Tim Kepner

-Victoria J. Cumer







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Millions of disabled and blind Americans receive monthly Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. Some receive both. Most also have help in paying medical bills from Medicare or Medicaid.

Many of these individuals would prefer to be working. But taking that leap can be a challenge — especially with the risk of giving up much-needed medical insurance and sustaining disability cash payments.

If you're in that situation — you want to work but don't want to risk losing benefits — Social Security has just the ticket for you: the Ticket to Work program.

The Ticket to Work program may be able to help you obtain vocational rehabilitation, training, job referrals, and other employment support services free of charge.

When you use your Ticket, you can get help finding a job, vocational rehabilitation or other assistance. These services are provided at no cost to you by employment networks, which are private organizations or government agencies that have agreed to work with Social Security to provide employment services and other support to beneficiaries with disabilities and state vocational rehabilitation agencies. The Ticket to Work program gives you the opportunity to choose from a variety of employment networks.

Interested in putting your Ticket to work? Learn more about Ticket to Work and how to get one by calling MAXIMUS, Inc., at 1-866-968-7842 (TTY, 1-866-833-2967). MAXIMUS is a private company working with Social Security. They can answer most of your questions about your Ticket and can give you the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of "employment networks" or the state vocational rehabilitation agency in your area.

In addition to the Ticket to Work program, Social Security has work incentives that help serve as a bridge between disability benefits and financial independence. These work incentives include:

- Cash benefits while you work;
- Medicare or Medicaid while you work; and
- Help with any extra work expenses you may have as a result of your disability.

You can find more information about Social Security and SSI work incentives by visiting The Work Site at www.socialsecurity.gov/work.

-LeeAnn Stuever

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Kids Create– Magazine Bead Jewelry

Join us to turn old magazines into beautiful new jewelry. Grades K-8. Younger children should be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Monday, April 5 at 4:00PM.

Movies @ the Library: 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, April 8 & 22 at 3:30PM.

One Book, Every Young Child Family Program

Celebrate Pennsylvania's 2010 *One Book, Every Young Child* selection, *What a Treasure!* by Jane and Will Hillenbrand, with a reading of the story, activities, games and crafts. Saturday, April 17 at 1:30PM. **Registration is required.**

Super Science @ Your Library

This program will provide students with hands-on experiments that will demonstrate the importance of science in their lives and encourage them to think critically and creatively. Grades 3 – 5 are welcome. **Registration is required.** Monday, April 12 at 4:00PM.

Get Your Game On!

Come try your skills at the **PS2**. Grades 6-12. Registration is not required. Bring your friends! Wednesday, April 14 at 3:30PM.

Teen Book Club/Teen Advisory Council (TAC)

Monday, April 26 at 4:00PM – Reading *Soul Surfer: a True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board* by Bethany Hamilton. Join us after the book discussion for the first meeting of the Teen Advisory Council. 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, April 19 at 6:00PM – Reading *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson. ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY EVENT

Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion – Wednesday, April 14 at 1:00PM – Reading *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson. ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY EVENT

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- **BROOKLINE CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** call Pat Erny 412-344-8451
- **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 and send it to the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry, c/o Pat Erny, 2918 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226-2038**



Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

-Unknown

THIS MONTH

April 6

Mazza Pavilion Project 7:00PM at St. Mark's Church corner of Brookline Blvd. & Glenarm Ave. Find out what's going on at this discussion.

April 12

Chamber of Commerce 5:45PM at Carnegie Library 708 Brookline Blvd.

April 13

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

April 19

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

April 17

Earth Day Cleanup

Option One: 9:00AM- Noon Meet at 9:00AM at Brookline Park at noon for assignments and supplies. Refreshments will be provided. Areas of cleanup will be Brookline Park and Moore Park.

Option Two: 9:00AM—Noon Volunteers will meet at Cannon Coffee. Volunteers will work with **Keith Knecht** of SPDC who will coordinate assignments and provide supplies.

April 26

Brookline Area Community Council 7:30PM at St. Mark's Church corner of Brookline Blvd. & Glenarm Ave. "Two Big Changes for Brookline—Port Authority and the Post Office"

April All Month

Summer Basketball Leagues sign-ups begin in April at the Recreation Center. There will be an 11-Under Coed Instructional League and 14-Under Boys and Girls Leagues. Games will begin in mid-June when the school year ends. Cost: \$25 per player. Games played weekdays. Deadline for registration is May 15.

Summer Soccer Clinic Sign-ups

Prepare for the 2010 BYSA fall season. Coach Joe will host a Summer Instructional Soccer Clinic on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00PM-4:30PM beginning in mid-June for children ages 4 to 8. Tuesdays are for ages 4 through 6; Thursdays are for ages 7 and 8. Cost: \$10 per participant. Shin guards are required.

May 1

Flea Market 10:00AM—2:00PM at the Recreation Center. Spots are FREE. Clean up for spring and bring your goods to sell.

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YOUTH PROGRAM

KINDER SPORTS Starts October 8 and runs through May 31. 11:00AM to 2:00PM. Ages 3 - 5

MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES Learn the fundamentals of Tae Kwon Do with our trained instructor, **Bob Sheehan**, of Se Jong Tae Kwon Do. **FREE** Beginner and Intermediate classes begin on March 1 for students ages 8 and up. Beginner class: 6:30-7:15PM; Intermediate class: 7:30-8:30PM. Classes held on Monday evenings. For more information on Se Jong Tae Kwon Do visit their website at www.sejongtkd.org.

BASKETBALL CLINIC Boys and girls ages 6 to 8 are welcome. Learn basketball fundamentals on Saturdays from April 24 through June 10. The clinic runs from 12:00PM-2:00PM. Cost: \$10/participant. Come and learn the basics with Coach Milan.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

WEIGHTROOM/TREADMILL The Recreation Center weight room is available for use by adults age 18 and over, or youth 13 and over accompanied by an adult. There is also a treadmill available for public use. Use of this facility is **FREE**. You can also learn proper workout techniques by meeting with our trained weight-lifting instructor, **Joe Szymanski**. These workouts are by appointment only.

BODY SCULPTING WITH PILATES Work out Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:15PM-7:30PM with our trained Pilates instructor, **Roxanne Eibeck**. Sessions run for five weeks (twice a week). Cost: \$30/session (10 workouts). Cost will be pro-rated for late enrollees. Bring your own mat.

YOGA Relax your mind, body and spirit Tuesday evenings from 6:15-7:30pm with our certified instructor, **Lori Grable**. Program runs in six week sessions. Cost per session: \$50. Cost is prorated for late enrollees. Bring your own mat!

FREE MEALS

Brookline Recreation Center is serving free dinners for children 18 years of age and under from 5:30PM - 6:30PM on weekdays. Meals are prepared by Nutrition, Inc.



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Brookline Boulevard Improvements Project



Have you checked **Italian Specialty & Gourmet Catering's** website yet?

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The drawing at the top is the current view of Brookline Boulevard at Pioneer Avenue. The bus shelter is circled in red. The bottom drawing is the new design for the corner.

LOOK AT WHAT'S NEW ON BROOKLINE BOULEVARD



Don't be misled by the sign on the building. This is the new **Boulevard Tobacco Outlet** at 721 Brookline Blvd.

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