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Letter from the Editor

Our corner property no longer features a profusion of colorful flowers. We put in more vegetables this year. Simple economics. You can't eat flowers. Change, while difficult, is a fact of life.

Michael Whitlinger has moved to the space formerly occupied by **HK Photo Studio**. Michael will continue to carry the fine gift items people have come to expect, but no flowers. **Harmonie King** closed **HK Photo Studio**. Harmonie still takes pictures. She's in the Wedding Planner and will be operating out of her home for now. We'll miss waving to Harmonie as we walk the Boulevard. Change.

We get comfortable in our routines and tend to view all change as a negative. We made a change. One day a week, we dine at one of the Boulevard establishments. It may be take-out from **Vinny's** or **Krazy Brothers**, or dining in at **Mateo's**, **Tong Garden**, **Cannon Coffee, Moonlite Café**, **It's Greek to Me** or **Antonio's**. We notice that **Fox's Pizza** is advertising a buffet that we want to try. At **Cannon Coffee**, we ordered two panini, a piece of fruit, a small bag of chips, drinks, dropped a dollar in the tip jar and got change from our $20.

We recently joined friends from Baldwin for dinner at **Mateo's**. They read about the restaurant in the April 22, 2010 issue of the Post Gazette. In fact, we hear that because of Bob Batz's article "Eat Brookline" you need a reservation to dine at **Mateo's** on Fridays and Saturdays. What a change!

Joanne Fantoni (Joanne's Corner) writes about a time when Brookline Boulevard was THE destination. Times changed. Brookline residents thought there were better places to shop and dine. Now change seems to be bringing us back to Brookline as THE destination. Don't be the last one to discover the treasures of your community. Change—it can be a beautiful thing!

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If you get your hair cut at **Hair By Conroy** you will be helping to save the Gulf Coast. **Carol Conroy** and **Tom Conroy** are sending the salon's hair clippings to create booms to absorb the oil from the massive spill. While the "Save the Gulf" sign may be the first thing you see when you enter this salon, you can't help but notice the atmosphere and salon design is not typical. That could be why **Hair by Conroy** has had a good walk-in business. The front of the salon is strictly business with large mirrors defining each station. The waiting area is in the middle of the salon. Behind the desk, Carol's niece **Melissa Ellis** keeps the shop humming.

This is a Redken salon and has the distinction of being the number one Redken salon in the **City of Pittsburgh**. Carol was a Redken educator. **Fernando Polidori**, a stylist, has been a Redken educator for 18 years. When you choose **Hair by Conroy**, you are selecting a salon where what suits you is their ultimate goal. The stylists are going to help you find a look that fits your lifestyle. Are you a quick shower and blow dry person? They will help you find a style that looks great in a few minutes. On the other hand, if you don't mind spending 30 minutes on your style, the experts at **Hair by Conroy** can help you as well. The hair colorists are certified, and they also do color correction. They know the science and chemistry of hair. Everyone at **Hair by Conroy** has a specialized niche.

Maura Yarsky specializes in color and up-styles. If it's a trendy, edgy or scene cut you want, make an appointment with **Cristie Kubick**. **Carla Marratto** will do your nails and pedicure. The salon also does chair massages and eyebrow waxing. **Jason White,** who assists Fernando, rounds out this team. Tom, a licensed barber, is also a PAT bus driver, but he's in the salon one day a week too.

Consider **Hair by Conroy** for your next hair appointment. You will be welcomed and made to feel at home. Enjoy a cup of coffee and relax. This expert Redken team has you covered.

-Pamela Grabowski

At left: **Carol Conroy** working on a customer. Photos by **HK Photo Studio**

Counting Down The Brook*line* Print Edition

We have our fingers crossed. After reviewing our funds, we have determined that we can print until October 2010. That's when our contract with the printer runs out. As you know costs go up, and we cannot expect to receive the same rate in our next printer contract. Based on an estimated increase, we believe we could print another five months beyond October to March 2011.

Our calculations assume we maintain an eight page issue. We often find we have more submissions than room. Since we are trying to extend the life of the print edition, we push articles into the next month when we can.

We continue to ask for your help. We accept your donations at our coffee dates [see page four] and by mail. We need merchant advertising. While more ads mean more pages, the ad money offsets the cost.

Many of our readers have offered fund raising ideas. We are working on one idea with a local fast food outlet. We will let you know the outcome.

In the meantime, the life of the print edition is up to you dear reader. Stop by **Cannon Coffee** at one of our coffee dates, and donate to **The Brook*line***.

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We want to hear from you. Send your questions or comments by email, phone or mail. July issue's deadline is June 10. August issue's deadline is July 10.

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Senator Wayne Fontana

One of the best features of having an office right on Brookline Boulevard is the amount of foot traffic that goes past the office. I frequently find that people have stopped when passing by to peruse the various announcements posted in our front windows. It's why I recently decided to take advantage of that fact by creating a "Job Corner" in the windows. While hardly high-tech, the Job Corner is simply a resource for the community to find job postings that are received by my office.

Unemployment is still a very real issue in our region, but Allegheny County has fared better than many areas. Large, small, mid-sized and out-of-town businesses are all looking for workers. Although we still need to be aggressive in creating jobs, informing people about openings that are already out there is also an important part of improving our economy. So, stop by and check out the Job Corner at my Brookline office (930 Brookline Boulevard). Since the information is in the front windows, the information is available 24/7.

Do you have an opening that you'd like to post? Send the information on to me via email at Fontana@pasenate.com or stop by the office on Monday through Friday until 5:00 PM. My staff can also assist you with many other free services including property tax relief assistance and help filling out Department of Transportation forms and applications.

State Representative Chelsa Wagner

Our neighborhood is fortunate to once again be home this summer to the **Seton Brookline Farm Stand**, which operates from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday from June 9 through November 11. Located in the **Elizabeth Seton Center** parking lot at 1900 Pioneer Ave., the Farm Stand brings the freshest, healthiest produce right into our neighborhood, often at prices far below the supermarkets. It supports our hard-working local family famers, an important part of the economy in our region. And it is a fun community event that adds vibrancy to our neighborhood.

Community members 60 years of age or older and meeting income requirements ($20,036 annually for a one-person household, $26,955 for a two-person household) are eligible for Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) vouchers that can be used at the Farm Stand. These vouchers will be distributed on a first-come first-served basis on Tuesday, June 29 at **Our Lady of Loreto Church** Social Hall, 1901 Pioneer Ave. For more information, call Allegheny Area Agency on Aging at 412-350-4219.

The Farm Stand also accepts WIC FMNP coupons and SNAP benefits.

I thank the **Elizabeth Seton Center** and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank for once again providing this resource to our community, and encourage all of my constituents to support the Farm Stand, our local farms, and their own health by visiting the **Seton Center** each Wednesday.

Earth Day In Brookline

Did you know that a cigarette butt could last up to five years in the street, a grocery bag 30 years and a potato chip bag 90 years? Litter washes into our sewer systems, then to streams, rivers and out to sea. Currents take it to plastic debris mass in the Pacific Ocean known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. No doubt Brookline litter is somewhere in that 3.5 million tons of plastic garbage the area of Texas.

Fortunately, Brookliners are becoming more proactive as **South Pittsburgh Development Corporation's** 6th Annual Earth Day was another big success despite the chilly damp weather. The super cool enviro-cats at **Cannon Coffee** hosted us, and volunteers were treated to free coffee and pastries. Cannon Coffee donated a BBQ lunch for participants afterward. **Mickey Underwood** and **Clint Burton** organized the kids at the **Brookline** and **Moore Parks** to clean up the park grounds. **Antonio's Pizza** helped us with the kids' pizza party at **Brookline Memorial Park.**

In all, 24 adults and 40 kids collected 87 large bags of litter, 15 large bags of recyclables and a huge pile of junk. A big thank you to everyone who participated and all those who made donations to help make it happen. Thank you Pittsburgh Public Works for taking it away quickly. And a special thanks to our business partners Tony, Nate and Ben!

I would also like to say a few words about a special board member who has helped make all the clean-ups possible during the last six years. **Eileen Papale** has been an indispensable advocate and tremendous worker over the years. She really gets the word out, encourages others and gets down and dirty with litter. If there's a tough job or a discarded bottle lying at the bottom of a ravine, Eileen goes for it. Thanks Eileen for your undying enthusiasm for a clean Brookline!

-Keith Knecht

JOANNE'S CORNER

Things that aren't here anymore - Part Sixteen

I could not let June pass without discussing the most important day of this month in my childhood. The West View Park School Picnic. Brookline Blvd became a ghost town the day of the school picnic. Some stores were open in the morning for some last minute items for that popular picnic lunch. By about noon, the last bus load pulled out bound for the park. Mom, the kids and the picnic basket. Dad came out after work. Me, my girlfriends and all the kids would be on the bus for West View by 11:00AM. My Dad would follow behind the bus—car loaded with picnic food. We would get a table, unload the goodies, including a big coffee pot, and head down the hill. We had our ride tickets given to us in bank envelopes. Moms would sit down below at an appointed spot carrying a supply of tickets in their purses. We would run into everyone we knew. We would break for dinner at 5:00PM laying out all that delicious picnic food. Dad would appear after work. After dinner more riding and we finally closed the park at 11:00PM. Kids were dead tired and fell asleep going home. It was the most fun day—a start to summer. Oh to go back again!

-Joanne Fantoni

Question of the Month: What ride at West View were you most likely to barf up on?

Last Month's Memory Teaser

Question of the Month: What was the jingle on the radio about **Brookline Bank**?

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We want to meet you and hear your ideas, suggestions and complaints. We will even buy you a cup of coffee. Stop by **Cannon Coffee** on the following days in June for a chat.

Monday	June 7	11:00AM to Noon
Thursday	June 17	5:00PM to 6:00PM
Monday	June 28	9:00AM to 10:00AM

FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Summer is right around the corner. Now is the time to plan for that summer job you really want. Whether you find the perfect outdoor job at a summer camp or as a golf caddy, or you get to practice your people skills in retail, fast food, or an amusement park, one thing's for sure: nothing's better than having fun this summer while earning a few extra dollars.

No matter how cool the job may be, make sure to look at the tax deductions when your first pay check is issued.

Some of the taxes you're paying as an employee will help you quality for Social Security benefits later.

To learn more about your Social Security number or how you earn credits for Social Security coverage, visit us at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10072.html.

Here's another important thing to know as you go out to find summer employment: your Social Security number. Knowing your Social Security number is important as you enter the workforce. Treat your number as confidential information and keep it protected. Memorize your number and do not carry your Social Security card with you unless you need to show it to your employer. Keep it in a safe place with your other important papers.

If your employer wants to see your card and you don't know where it is, it's easy to apply for a new one. Simply complete an *Application For a Social Security Card* (Form SS-5) and show us original documents proving your U.S. citizenship or immigration status, age, and identity.

The online application includes examples of documents you may need; you can find the application at www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.pdf. Then, take or mail your completed application and documents to your local Social Security office. We will mail your Social Security card to you.

If your card is lost or stolen, you can apply for a replacement for free. However, you are limited to three replacement cards in a year and 10 during your lifetime.

Whether you find a job filing paperwork or cooking burgers, have fun this summer as you work and save for your future.

-LeeAnn Stuever

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Carol Ganser with incoming SLS freshman **Hannah Duffy.** *-Photo provided by **Marilyn Walsh***

The 2010-11 recipient of the Elizabeth Seton Legacy Scholarship for a young woman attending **Seton-La Salle High School** as a freshman in the fall of 2010 was announced at the annual reception at South Hills Country Club. **Ms. Hannah P. Duffy**, a Brookline resident, was selected by a committee headed by **Sister Patricia Laffey**, principal of **Seton-La Salle**. The $4,000 award (over four years) is made possible through the generosity of the alumni of the former **Elizabeth Seton High School** who created the scholarship three years ago and created the **Women of Seton** group to perpetuate the legacy of their former high school. Co-chairs of the group, **Marianne Hudzik** and **Mary Agnes Stevens** along with a committee of about a dozen women organize the fundraising and the annual reception, which was held at South Hill Country Club this year.

Hannah, a volunteer with the Miracle League of Southwestern PA, an athlete who has been involved in the Market Day program, and the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair, was nominated by her neighbor, **Ms. Carol Ganser,** an ESHS graduate from the class of 1955 and a retired Colonel of the military.

-Marilyn Walsh

THE BLVD. BREEZE FEST

Wanted –Art & Craft Vendors, buskers and community organization for our Blvd. Breeze Fest event August 14, 2010. The Blvd. Breeze Fest will be held from Pioneer to Queensboro on Brookline Blvd. Space is available. Choice space $25.00. General space $20.00. For information call Lois McCafferty at 412-341-5788 or Linda Boss at 412-563-0759

Applications can be picked up at A-Boss Opticians or Michael Whitlinger Designs on Brookline Blvd.

READERS' RESPONSE

I saw the Reader's Response section and thought about **Officer Hogel** the Brookline beat cop. I have his photo on the connection website. http://www.brooklineconnection.com/History/Facts/history250.html [See page eight.]
Look near the bottom of the page. Also, have a page for him in personalities. http://www.brooklineconnection.com/history/Personalities/Hogel.html

-Clint Burton

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MOVIES IN THE PARK

June 10	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG)
June 17	Monsters vs. Aliens (PG)
June 24	Where the Wild Things Are (PG)
July 1	Planet 51 (PG)

Location: **Brookline Memorial Park**, Oakridge Street
Time: Dusk

JUNE AT THE LIBRARY

Make a Splash @ Your Library! 10th Annual Summer Reading Extravaganza. Sunday, June 6, 2010, 12:00PM - 5:00PM CLP-Main (Oakland). There is summer fun for everyone to enjoy, with live entertainment and cool activities to jump-start summer reading for children and teens. Catch a wave and join us for an afternoon packed with free fun for the whole family. Beginning June 7 kids, teens and adults are able to sign up for the summer reading club at CLP-Brookline! Keep track of all of the reading you do this summer and win prizes! Please visit the library for more information and to sign up or visit our website at: www.carnegielibrary.org and sign up online.

For Kids and Teens:

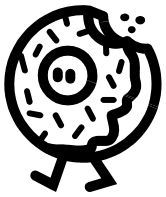
Storytime

Baby/Toddler: Stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays. For children birth through age 3 with a parent or caregiver. Thursdays, June 17 & 24 at 11:00AM.

Preschool: Stories, songs, games and the occasional craft. For children ages 3-5 with parent or caregiver. Thursdays, June 17 & 24 at 12:30PM

Kids Create – Father's Day Cards

Join us to create folded-shirt cards for your dad, grandpa, uncle or favorite big guy. Grades K-8. Younger children should be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Monday, June 14 at 4:00PM.



Donuts with Dad REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Celebrate Father's Day by eating some donuts with your favorite big guy, watching Arnie the Donut and making a craft. Saturday, June 12 at 11:00AM.

Movies at the Library: After School Movie Fun / Summer Fun

Nothing to do after school? Looking for some cool summer fun? Come to the Library and watch a movie. Grades K-8. Thursdays, June 10, 17 and 24 at 3:30PM.

Science in the Summer: June 28 – July 1 PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Presented by Carnegie Science Center and Sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline. This four-day science camp will focus on Bioscience with programs being offered for two age groups: students entering 2nd and 3rd grades and students entering 4th through 6th grades. Space is limited. Please remember that participants must attend all four sessions.

10:15AM – 11:15AM – 2nd and 3rd grades

11:45AM – 12:45PM – 4th through 6th grades

Get Your Game On!

Come try your skills at the **PS2.** Grades 6-12. Registration is not required. Bring your friends! Wednesday, June 9 at 3:30PM.

Teen Book Club/Teen Advisory Council (TAC)

Monday, June 28 at 4:00PM – TBD. Please call the library for the book title. Join us after the book discussion for 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, June 21 at 6:00PM – Reading *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman.

Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion – Wednesday, June 9 at 1:00PM – Reading *The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler.

Call for Volunteers

- **FOREVER HOME BEAGLE RESCUE** call 412-304-4034 or BeagleHQ@msn.com Foster homes needed as well as donations of dog food, blankets and bath towels.
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** call 412-343-8144
- **SENIOR VAN TRANSPORTATION** call 412-344-4222
- **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**

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." ***Marjorie Moore, Minds Eye Information Service***

This Month

June 8
Brookline Block Watch 7:00PM at Magistrate Jim Motznik's office 736 Brookline Blvd.
June 14
Chamber of Commerce 5:45PM at Carnegie Library 708 Brookline Blvd.
June 21
South Pittsburgh Development Corp. 7:00PM at Brookline Blvd. United Presbyterian Church 1036 Brookline Blvd.
June 26
Brookline Gallery Crawl This is going to be a monthly event on the last Saturday of the month. Walk up and down the Boulevard. Visit the merchants, and end up at Cannon Coffee to check out the art work.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Cannonline Poetry Open Mic Series 8:00PM to 10:00PM at Cannon Coffee 802 Brookline Blvd.

The Pittsburgh School District is promoting the "Summers Dreamers Academy" Grades 5, 6 and 7 are the targeted population. The academy starts July 12 and runs thru August 13. It is a hands-on program to reinforce literacy via the arts. Students will have an opportunity to explore areas of arts, science, math, music, etc. in afternoon activities. Our school will be at Brashear High School. There are other locations throughout the city that are housing the program.

-***Adrienne Thomas***, Asst Principal, Pittsburgh Brookline K-8

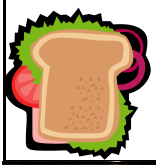
BROOKLINE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The **BACC** THANKS all in the community who have supported us over the past year. Since we do not meet over the summer, we wish you a wonderful, peaceful and safe summer. Enjoy all summer has to offer. We will see you again at St. Marks Lutheran Church in September.

Watch for our future announcements of our up coming meetings! Happy Summer!

Louise R. Pallone President/BACC

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.

OLD CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR SALE

The **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** will be selling 50 of the old wreaths to make space for the new Christmas lighting decortions. The wreaths are approximately 5 feet. Brackets not included. $50 or best offer. Regular 110 volt.
Call Linda 412-563-0759.

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YOUTH PROGRAM
KINDER SPORTS Thursdays from 11:00AM to noon. Ages 3 - 5 Storytime follows from Noon to 1:00PM.
TAE KWON DO Mondays at 6:30PM Children over 8 to adults. Free.

ADULT PROGRAMS:
FITNESS CENTER Open weekdays from 1:15PM to 8:45PM. Participation is free.
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!

BROOKLINE KNIGHTS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

The **Brookline Knights Football Association** will be holding their 2010 signups at the **Brookline Recreation Center** on Saturday, June 12 from 12:00PM to 4:00PM.

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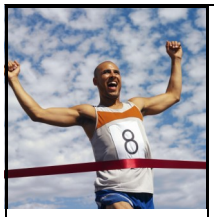

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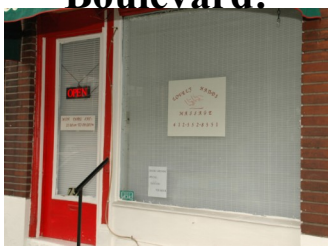
Look At What's New On The Boulevard!



Lovely Hands Massage
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*-Photo by **HK Photo Studio***

The weather is improving. Stop by **Brookline Pub** for one of their 60 different beers. Stay for dancing on the weekends.
*-Photo by **HK Photo Studio***

Officer Hogel. Photo provided by ***Clint Burton***

FLYING THE FLAG

Year Round Farm Stand Seton Center 1900 Pioneer Ave. Every Wednesday 11:00AM—5:00PM

Sandra Tata of Brookline Boulevard started flying the flag after September 11, 2001. She said the events of that day instilled a feeling of patriotism that motivated her to display the flag. ***-Pamela Grabowski***

FLAG FACTS

- The U.S. Flag, adopted on June 14, 1777, is the fourth oldest national flag in the world. Denmark's flag, adopted in 1219, is the oldest.
- A flag expert is called a "vexillologist."
- The blue field on the U.S. Flag is called the "union."
- Since 1834, the U.S. Flag has flown continuously next to the grave of the Revolutionary War hero, the Marquis de Lafayette, near Paris, France.
- June 14 was proclaimed Flag Day by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916. While Flag Day was a popular celebration in scores of communities for many years after Wilson's proclamation, it didn't receive its official Congressional designation until 1949.

-From "Our Flag The Essential Poster/Guide For

Joe Nellis of Jacob Street has a very personal reason for flying the American flag. In August, Joe will travel to Camp LeJuene to see his son **Joseph Anthony Nellis** receive the rank of Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy. Joe flies the flag for his son, a physician specializing in Internal Medicine, and for his nephew Andrew Rea who served in the Gulf War. When you talk to Joe, you quickly realize this is a man who knows the details of flag etiquette.

Around the base of the 15' flag pole Joe displays eagles from his extensive collection. Some of the items change with the seasons and holidays. He's a school crossing guard in Mt. Lebanon and has been known to stop and enlighten residents who are unfamiliar with correct flag presentation.

We are hoping that Joe and his wife **Kathy Nellis** will accept our offer to share their knowledge with our readers through a monthly tip feature. With encouragement from Joe and Kathy perhaps we will see more flags proudly waving over Brookline.

-Pamela Grabowski

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Dear Neighbors,

Our City is about to embark on it's first ever City of Pittsburgh Comprehensive Plan. This Comprehensive Plan encompasses a host of issues, designed to work in concert with each other. This will allow us to initially examine, in detail, how a plan for one area of the City would enhance or be detrimental to another area.

Twelve components will be under consideration in the City's Comprehensive Plan:

1. Open Space, Parks and Recreation
2. Cultural Heritage
3. Transportation
4. Public Art
5. Urban Design
6. Public Facilities and Services
7. Energy
8. Infrastructure
9. Economic Development
10. Housing
11. Education
12. Land Use

A Comprehensive Plan is created through a process that allows residents to voice their opinions and make suggestions about how the City can grow gracefully over the next 25 years. This involves a process that will attract investment to the City and establish the most cost effective use of tax-payer dollars over those 25 years. The plan will help guide our elected officials, decision makers and residents make Pittsburgh an even better place to live, work, learn, play and thrive.

To all of you who have access to the internet, I ask that you visit www.planpgh.com to learn about the framework of **PLANPGH** and the Open Space, Parks, and Recreation Plan (OPEN SPACE PGH). In the near future we will post the **PLANPGH Exchange**. By registering on the Exchange, residents will have the opportunity to complete various surveys and polls posted on the site. You may also review and comment on the drafts of plan components as they are available. There will be additional opportunities for public involvement with the Plan. Currently on site you can find the survey for another component just getting underway, **PRESERVEPGH,** the Cultural Heritage Plan. I encourage you to complete this survey. It will help us plan the City's vision for historical and cultural resources.

We are also on Facebook and Twitter under PLANPGH, and will be updating our pages with announcements and meeting invitations, so look us up and become a fan of the Plan! For more information or to get involved, please visit www.pghplan.com.

Sincerely,

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