

## Letter from the Editor



Our lack of color in our print issue seems appropriate as we move into the cold, dreary months of winter. Truth is we are pinching pennies like many families in our area. While there's been a dramatic change in the political climate, it's likely that the immediate economic forecast will be as bleak as the upcoming winter. If you are tired of the rich getting richer as you stare down the rabbit hole of foreclosure, bankruptcy and/or working well past retirement, remember you may be an enabler. We all have a top ten list of reasons why we shop at the big box store rather than our local merchant. Number one is usually that the big box store is a couple of dollars cheaper. Good point, but many of the local Brookline merchants are our neighbors. Their lifestyle is similar to ours. How many big box CEOs live in your neighborhood? Yea, that's what we thought. We don't

have one in our neighborhood either.

Perhaps it is time to take a new picture. Do you really need two doodahs? Maybe one is enough. Half a dozen gazinkas might make your table look like the photo in the magazine, but is it really necessary? Why not buy less and give the extra couple of dollars to a local merchant? The holidays are about enjoying time with friends and family and appreciating what we have. So check your list of doodahs and gazinkas. Whenever possible, make every gift you give this season a double gift. Give the doodah you bought, and give your local merchant a gift by purchasing the doodah in his or her store.

We wish you and yours a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas, a Happy Kwanzaa, and a more prosperous New Year!



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[www.vinniespretzelshoppe.com](http://www.vinniespretzelshoppe.com)

“Vinnie” is **Michael Vona**, a former Philadelphia area school teacher who moved west and reinvented himself. When the economic downturn affected his sales job, Michael started his own business. He decided on a pretzel shop.

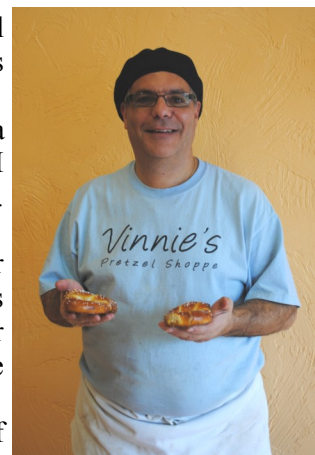
The pretzel selection includes plain, cinnamon-sugar and Parmesan-garlic. He also has a pepperoni roll pretzel and a Philly cheese steak pretzel. Check out the pretzel “sangwiches.” I had chicken salad. While I enjoyed every bite, I am now looking forward to a hot tuna melt. Just ask, and they will heat your “sangwich.”

This is a great place to stop for a quick treat. You are greeted like a regular even if it's your first visit. For \$1.00, you can get a plain pretzel or three pretzels for \$2.50. For fifty cents more, you can buy a dip for that pretzel. You are guaranteed a fresh pretzel. No pretzel is older than one hour. Any pretzels that are not sold within one hour after they leave the oven are tossed.

You might want to consider a pretzel party tray for your holiday party. There are a variety of sizes and selections available. While everyone else has the sandwich ring and the cookie tray, you will have something very different. Plus, Michael is open to suggestions. If you have a pretzel idea, suggest it. You might see it added to the menu.

Michael will also make specialty pretzels in the shape of letters. How about a birthday pretzel? Or, a custom shaped pretzel for a holiday party? He can also help you with school or social fundraisers.

Stop in **Vinnie's Pretzel Shoppe** and check out the fascinating wall clock. Michael says he wasn't particularly fond of the clock, and credits his wife for recognizing the clock's unique character. After you check out the clock, try my favorite pretzel, Parmesan-garlic.



What you don't see are Michael's orange crocs. A tribute to his favorite cook—Mario Batali.

-Pamela Grabowski



## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

You've noticed our lack of color – right? Printing in black and white will extend the life of the printed version of **The Brookline**. With our current bank balance, we will be in print until about October 2011 if we do not receive another penny. Of course, we would prefer receiving many more pennies through either advertising or donations. We are launching a classified ad section in January. You can read more about that on page seven. We continue to encourage merchant advertising.

The donation boxes at **Cannon Coffee** and **Kribel's Bakery** have yielded \$142 over two months. That covers about 35% of our \$400 monthly black and white printing costs. Even if you receive the email version, we encourage you to donate. Your donation helps fund the 65 printed copies that go to our elderly residents through **Meals on Wheels**, and the 50 copies **Community Bank** puts in the Welcome Wagon packages distributed to new residents of Brookline.

If you are a merchant who would like a donation box, either call us at 412-343-2859 or ask Rosemarie when she delivers your next month's newsletters. We will happily provide a donation box and make monthly collections. Become a sustaining friend of **The Brookline**.

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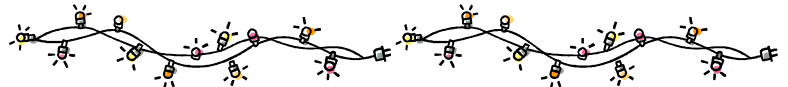
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Brookline history books are still available at **Kribel's**. A book would make a great Christmas gift.



### THE BROOKLINE PAST ISSUES

Clint Burton has archived past issues of **The Brookline** at [www.brooklineconnection.com](http://www.brooklineconnection.com).



Your \$10 annual membership in **SPDC** supports projects like Jacob-Whited, DogiPots and **The Brookline**. Join today. See mailing address below.

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We want to hear from you. Send your questions or comments by email, phone or mail. January issue's deadline is December 12. February issue's deadline is January 12.

\*\*\*\*\*ADVERTISING RATES\*\*\*\*\*

Contact Pamela Grabowski at [mnp.grabowski@verizon.net](mailto:mnp.grabowski@verizon.net) or call 412-343-2859 for more information. We now have over 1,300 readers.

The Brookline by email is in **FULL COLOR!**  
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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Telephone: 412-343-2859  
 Mail: The Brookline, PO Box 96136, Pittsburgh, PA 15226.

Standard ads are a width of 3.75 inches. We charge by the height of the ad at \$12.00 per inch. This is an example of a one inch ad space.

Remember ad graphics and artwork are free! Call us to place your ad in **The Brookline**.

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

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## REVISITING CARMALT SCHOOL

If a former eighth-grade student from the 2005 graduating class of **Carmalt Academy of Science and Technology** walked through the halls of that school today he or she would not recognize it one bit.

The biggest visual change in the school has to be the construction of the yellow painted walls between classrooms. Walls were finally built in the school during the summer of 2007.

Many students five years ago can probably recall the open spaces between each classroom. The only objects that divided the rooms were storage cabinets.

Some classes have always had walls though, including science, art, music and gym classes.

**Maggie Walker**, an eighth-grade English teacher, has been teaching at **Carmalt** for at least 15 years, and she thinks the walls are great.

“With the walls it’s made an improvement because you don’t have all that nonsense and distraction,” she said.

The class size has differed over the past five years. Back in 2005, there were three different sections for the eighth-graders. There were about 21 students in each section. This year for the eighth-graders there are 25 to 30 students per section.

A new dress code has also been implemented by **Principal Sandra Och** in 2009. Former students would have been allowed to wear their favorite NFL player’s jersey or favorite Star Wars shirt, but instead the students today have to wear a dress shirt and dress pants.

Another important change is the school’s new writing policy. **Mr. Preston**, who will be entering his 12<sup>th</sup> year of teaching science to the fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade students at **Carmalt**, explained the writing policy.

“Every student has to write a paragraph or more every month in every subject and the teachers have to grade them. **Dr. Och** then looks through each one,” he said.

It has paid off though because this past spring when the PSSA writing test was given, **Carmalt’s** eighth-grade class was the best in scoring proficient or advanced in the entire city.

The school has changed tremendously since I was an eighth-grade student there five years ago, but what remains the same is that **Carmalt Academy of Science and Technology** has a principal and teachers who are dedicated to providing a great education for students.



## BABY BOOMERS: APPLY ONLINE FOR MEDICARE

This January marks a historic moment: our Nation’s first baby boomers are turning 65. For many baby boomers, it’s time to hit the computer. Even if you have decided to wait until after you are age 65 to apply for retirement benefits, most people should start getting Medicare coverage at age 65.

If you would like to begin your Medicare coverage when you first become eligible, it’s important that you apply within three months of reaching age 65. But don’t worry about the time and effort it will take to apply for Medicare — it’s fast and easy! You can do it online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly) in as little as ten minutes.

Why apply online for Medicare? Because it’s fast, easy, and secure. You don’t need an appointment and you can avoid waiting in traffic or in line. As long as you have ten minutes to spare, you have time to complete and submit your online Medicare application.

People who started receiving Social Security retirement

or disability benefits before age 65 do not need to apply; they will be automatically enrolled in Medicare. To learn more about Medicare benefits, visit [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov).

To learn more about Medicare and the online application, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly). While you’re there, take a look at the *Patty Duke Show* reunion video as they talk about turkey, pie, and Medicare online. And happy birthday to all the baby boomers turning 65 in 2011.

-*Kawana Weston*, Social Security Mgr in Beaver Falls

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## JOANNE'S CORNER

*Things that aren't here anymore - Part 22*

I think that this time of year our thoughts always go back to the Christmases of our childhood. It always seems like they were the best even though most of us had less. I remember going downtown to see the department store windows was a highlight of the holidays and lunch afterwards. Those windows were so cleverly animated. Besides Kaufmann's windows you had Gimbels, Frank & Seder, Hornes and Rosenbaums. Lunch in the Tea Room at Hornes—yummy. Years later, our children enjoyed going to the Little Secret Shop, picking out gifts for their families which were then wrapped and given to the kids to hide away until Christmas. If you were lucky enough, you went to see the Christmas Village and trains on your Christmas vacation. We always had a wood platform under the tree decorated with that brick paper. I wonder if they still sell that? I still have a few of those old ornaments we used to hang on the tree. Remember bubble lights? Also, I still have my 70-year-old manger!

*-Joanne Fantoni*

**Question of the Month:** What was the name of the friendly man who shined shoes for years at **Sesto's Barber Shop**?

### Last Month's Memory Teaser

**Question of the Month:** Who remembers what business was in the basement of **Smith Realty** accessed by the alley/steps between the bank and **Smith Realty**?

**Answer:** Children's Consignment Shop



## SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

It's a season of warmth, good cheer, friends and family. As you celebrate, consider showing your thanks for the good in your life by making a donation or contribution to those who are less fortunate.

Today, 49 million Americans struggle with hunger, including seniors, children and working families. At the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, this isn't news. They are seeing an average of 1,500 – 2,000 new households every month and serve more than 120,000 people. Hunger isn't something that we can see and it is often a struggle for people to understand the community need. It's one of the reasons that I have supported our local food banks and Meals on Wheels financially and through beneficial partnerships. For instance, the Food Bank's participation at FontanaFest this year resulted in a donation of 2,800 pounds of food.

Hunger in America is a problem that must end. Working together, we can accomplish that goal and make changes for the better. For more information on the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, you can visit their website at [www.pittsburghfoodbank.org](http://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org) or call them at 412-460-FOOD (3663). Most importantly, if you or someone you know is in need of help, please put your pride aside, reach out and ask for that assistance by contacting the Food Bank. As always, if I can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

May the beauty of the season brighten up your life and decorate your days with love, smiles and happiness.

## CHRISTMAS MEMORY TREE



The annual Christmas Memory Tree will once again be lit in memory or honor of all loved ones. Each light you purchase will reflect the memory of a friend or loved one. The tree will be located at **Cannon Coffee**, 802 Brookline Blvd. Proceeds will go to installing and maintaining the new Christmas wreaths you helped to purchase over the past three years. Any questions call 412-563-0759. Lights can be purchased by filling out the form below. All names will be posted near the tree. Reply by December 10.

**Please use this portion to mail your donation.**

Make check payable to  
the **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** and mail to:  
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If you choose to remember a loved one with a Memory Tree donation, please indicate the name of the person(s) you want remembered. **The cost is \$10.00 per person.**

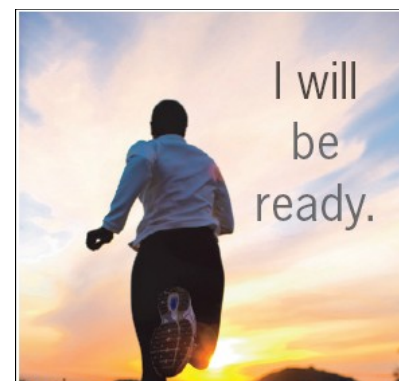
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## COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

It's hard to believe, but it's been one year into my term as your representative on City Council. When I was elected, I promised that I would work for all of the neighborhoods in our district, and we have been hard at work all across south Pittsburgh, trying to bring the resources and attention that our neighborhoods deserve.

It's so exciting to see all the new businesses opening on the boulevard. When I ran for this seat in the spring of 2009, I opened my campaign office in Brookline. I am so excited that today, my old campaign office is now a pretzel shop. With a new coffee shop, produce market, butcher shop and more the boulevard is booming. We wish all our new business neighbors success in their first year.

The reconstruction of Brookline Boulevard is also moving forward, with construction set to begin in the spring of 2012. My office has kept a close eye on the project, meeting with representatives from Pittsburgh's Department of Public Works and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission. Last spring, I held a town hall meeting to inform residents about the reconstruction of **Mazza Pavilion**, which is also moving forward. Right now, the building has been stripped down to its bare bones as the Housing Authority of Pittsburgh completely retrofits the building. When it is done, the building will house seniors and disabled individuals, and residents interested in calling Mazza home can call 412-456-5000 for more information.

Finally, Brookline has received great press this year, whether it's the Post-Gazette raving about all of the great restaurants on the boulevard, or the Tribune-Review and WQED showcasing our neighborhood's resurgence. Brookline is headed in the right direction and more and more families and businesses are calling Brookline home.

Our community is only as strong as all of our collaborative efforts. I thank our local community groups and my elected colleagues in our collective efforts in helping Brookline succeed. You can rest assured that I am fighting for this neighborhood every day as your representative on City Council. If you have any questions or comments about any issue, please feel free to contact my office at (412) 255-2131.



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## STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHELSA WAGNER

After numerous communications with the Port Authority since September, my office was informed late last month that 11 additional weekday 41D trips were being added beginning November 21. Five additional trips were added in the morning between 5:45 and 7:58 a.m., along with six new evening trips between 3:50 and 8:23 p.m.

I am hopeful that these changes will reduce the overcrowding seen on the 41D since September, and am pleased that service to and from Brookline will be available later in the evening. My office immediately requested the addition of more trips when the negative effects of the September changes became clear, especially because PAT did not adequately describe these changes when they were proposed and offered for public comment. Much credit is also due to the PAT patrons who made many calls to the Port Authority Service Center to express the need for changes on the 41D.

While this is good news for bus service in Brookline, the future of public transit in our neighborhood and our entire region remains uncertain. I am pleased that PAT has delayed a planned 35 percent system-wide service cut previously scheduled for January until March. This puts great pressure on those of us in Harrisburg to work to solve our state's transportation funding crisis before this time.

While I am well aware of the great importance of public transit to many of my constituents and am absolutely committed to maintaining service, there are no easy solutions in our current economy and many legislators who are opposed to raising new revenue for transit from any source. I believe strongly that PAT must also be able to make guarantees of greater efficiency and accountability in order for more funding to be approved. Finding answers to this serious issue will be one of my foremost priorities when the legislature reconvenes in January, and I am hopeful that a solution can be found that will protect transit in our communities.

As always, please feel free to stop by my office at 900 Brookline Blvd. or call (412) 343-2094 with any matter of concern.

## DECEMBER AT THE LIBRARY

### For Children:

#### Storytimes

**Baby/Toddler:** Stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays. For children birth through age 3 with a parent or caregiver.

Thursdays, December 2, 9 & 16 at 11:00AM

**Preschool:** Stories, songs, games and a craft. For children ages 3-5 with parent or caregiver. Thursdays, December 2, 9 & 16 at 12:30PM



### For Adults:

**Monday Evening Book Discussion** – Monday, December 20 6:00PM – Reading *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt.

**Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion** – Wednesday, December 8 1:00PM – Reading *A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flag.

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## TAKE THE PLUNGE

**Commander Scott Schubert** of Zone 6 is the co-chair of the Western Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics. This committee is hosting the First Annual Special Olympics Pittsburgh Polar Plunge being held on the North Shore (Heinz Field boat ramp) on Saturday, December 4.

There are currently 38 teams registered. Anyone or any team (schools, businesses, community groups, clubs, etc.) is welcome to plunge. In addition, members of the community can help by volunteering their time, donating money or by attending the event. Former Steeler and Super Bowl Champ

Jerome Bettis has agreed to MC the event, and there will be a variety of activities in our Special Olympics Plunge Towne.

The team that raises the most money will be declared the top team until the Second Annual Pittsburgh Polar Plunge. In addition to the overall competition, members of law enforcement will also be competing in a separate "Battle of the Badges" contest for a trophy and bragging rights for the year.

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Police has several teams participating in the plunge, and Commander Schubert is serving as the captain of "Team Zone Six." He will be going in the frigid water with his coworkers. "It is my hope that "Team Zone Six" will win the battle of the badges so we can showcase the trophy at our station and show everyone what I already know, that the officers assigned to Zone Six are a special group of people and we are truly blessed to have them patrolling our streets."

You can follow the race by going to [www.plungepa.org](http://www.plungepa.org) - click the register online tab and it will redirect you to the actual Pittsburgh Polar Plunge website. Once you are on the main page hit the HOME tab (upper left hand corner), and it will refresh the page and the team ranking and individual fundraiser ranking will appear on the far right hand side of the page. Just click on the team ranking to view all the teams. If you want to donate to or sponsor a specific team, you can simply hit the general team donation tab. If you want to donate to or sponsor a specific plunger, you can hit the plungers name tab or locate them by searching their last name.

-Information emailed from **Commander Scott Schubert**

## THIS MONTH

**December 13 Monday**

**Chamber of Commerce** 5:45PM Christmas Party at Seton Center 1900 Pioneer Avenue

**December 14 Tuesday**

**Brookline Block Watch** 6:30PM at Christmas Party at Magistrate Jim Motznik's office 736 Brookline Blvd. Bring a dish to share.

**December 20 Monday**

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

### \*\*\*CLASSIFIED ADS COMING\*\*\*

We will begin running classified ads in January. Ad copy must be RECEIVED by the 12th of the month BEFORE publication. For the January issue we must have the information by December 12. Price will be \$4.00 per month. Payment required before publication. You can submit by snail mail, phone or email. See sample ad below

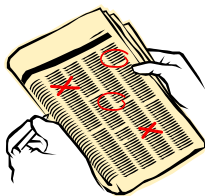
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**Email:** mnp.grabowski@verizon.net

#### SAMPLE AD

SAMPLE of a \$4 Ad - Item for sale. Apt for rent. House for sale. Lost pet. Put your ad in The Brookline.



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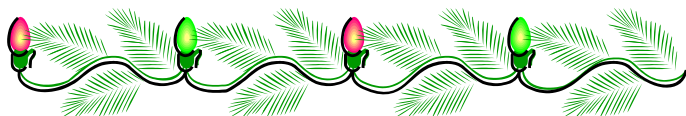
**The grand opening is December 4! Stop by to see the new facilities. Call for December program information.**

### YOUTH PROGRAM

**TAE KWON DO** Mondays at 6:30PM. Children over 8 to adults. Free.

### ADULT PROGRAMS:

**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!



## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

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- **DOGIPOT MAINTENANCE** call 412-343-2859
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** sponsored by **St. Mark's Lutheran Church** call 412-343-8144
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** sponsored by **Lutheran Service Society** call 412-366-9490
- **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**

**A civilization flourishes when people plant trees under which they will never sit.**

*-Greek Proverb*



Consider renting Moonlite Café's party room (above) for your next event. No event in your future? Well you can always check out the daily special board (at right). Look for the pot roast and mashed potatoes one of our new favorites.

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One of our proofreaders, **Deb Park** has left Brookline for sunny Florida. We will miss Deb's work. She was an excellent grammarian who helped us create a professional newsletter. Thank you Deb & enjoy the sunshine state.

Happy Hanukkah



Merry Christmas

# HALLOWEEN IN BROOKLINE

## Parade Winners

### Group:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place **Dan Thomas & Family**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Drew, Lex & Gus Ferris**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place **Allison & Christian Krapp**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place **Angela Hickey**

### Scariest:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place **Malana Kuhn**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Caitlyn Spanos**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place **Anthony Winters**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place **Joe Joe**

### Most Original:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place **Nico Giampa**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Zack Rush**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place **Tristan**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place **Karen Howe**

### Funniest:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place **Julian Carder**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Hannah Hatfield**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place **Tyler & Noah Feth**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place **Destiny Swauger**



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