

Letter from the Editor



It's our birthday this month, and that's always a good time to reflect. There have been many changes over the past three years. We see new faces at the community meetings and young business owners and residents bring new energy to the community. They have new ideas or sometimes they just want to tweak an old standard. The change has meant a Boulevard with activity even on a holiday! There were years when the only thing happening on Memorial Day was a parade. This year there was a gyro and lemonade stand in front of **Pitaland**, and **Tisha's** was serving breakfast. You could get an oversized hot pretzel at **Vinnie's** and a cold ice tea at **Cannon Coffee** or a cone at **Scoops**. That's progress. We are confident there are more positive changes to come.

Crime is down in Brookline. For that, we thank the Zone Six police officers, many of whom live in our area. We also thank you. You and your neighbors are calling 911 to report suspicious activity. Your calls have helped the police to apprehend those who have no interest in making Brookline a great place to live. Continue those calls. Also, continue to call 311 to report property showing signs of neglect.

Now that our monsoon spring has blossomed into a glorious summer, we encourage you to put on your walking shoes and discover Brookline. Brookline is showing up in blogs and weekly media updates online and in print. Brookline may become the new, in place to be, and look - you're already here!



CHUONG'S CLEANERS

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Joe Chuong's father purchased the dry cleaning business for Joe's sister. Joe had just graduated from college with a business/computer science degree and thought he'd run the business for a year until his sister was ready to take over. Joe's sister decided she wasn't interested in a dry cleaning business, and 23 years later Joe is still running **Chuong's Cleaners**.

Like many people, I complain about the price of dry cleaning, but a tour of the process gave me a new appreciation for this business. The dry cleaning machine resembles a

large front loading washer. After the clothes are cleaned in a solvent, they are pressed using air and steam—hand pressed. There's no heat involved. In fact, you can safely touch the bed of the pressing machine and the iron used for small areas. Because the pressing is labor intensive and requires skill, Joe only hires experienced people for this part of the process.

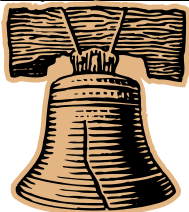
Shirts are laundered in the back. Joe does not use chlorine bleach. He uses an oxygen-based product. Also, if he knows the stain, he stands a better chance of getting it out using a variety of different products. They are not the cheapest stain fighting products, but they are the most effective in removing stains from various materials. Clean, damp shirts are pressed in three stages. First, the sleeves are stretched over forms and steam pressed by machine. The collars and cuffs are done next in a press, then the shirt is hung to machine



press the front and back.

In addition to the cleaning you or I bring in, Joe has a large wholesale dry cleaning business, and he does tailoring for those customers as well. Joe's computer knowledge enabled him to write the program he uses to track individual orders and customer histories. Joe had a chance to demonstrate his program when Maxine Kaminski walked in with her dry cleaning, a Brookline merchant supporting another Brookline merchant. Joe would appreciate your business too.

-Pamela Grabowski
Photos by *Catia Fath*



THE LIBERTY BELL

“The bell was commissioned by the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1751 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of William Penn's 1701 [Charter of Privileges](#). Whitechapel Foundry produced the bell, which cracked as it was being tested. The bell is inscribed with the words from Leviticus 25:10 "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." It tolled for the reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8, 1776. During the British occupation of Philadelphia in 1777, the bell was hidden away. After it was rung for Washington's birthday in 1846, the crack widened, rendering the bell unringable. It is now ceremoniously tapped each Fourth of July.”

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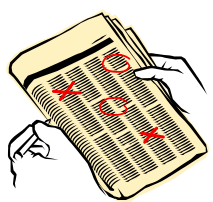
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SAMPLE AD

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





SUSTAINING FRIENDS

Last month I said that we had two ten page issues in a row, and what happens? This month is a twelve page issue. That's good for news AND \$100 more in printing costs. Your donations helped to cover that increase. Please continue to support us. We can provide a donation box and make monthly collections. Become a sustaining friend of **The Brookline**. We will thank you in the newsletter.

Donations thru May 2011:

Cannon Coffee - \$ 99.25

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THE BROOKLINE PAST ISSUES

Clint Burton has archived past issues of **The Brookline** at www.brooklineconnection.com.

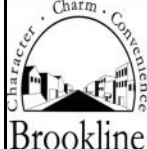
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We want to hear from you. Send your questions or comments by email, phone or mail. August issue's deadline is July 12. September issue's deadline is August 12.

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What's Going on at Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5?



It's hard to believe our school year is coming to an end. The students at **West Liberty** have ended this school year with some amazing results! In last month's article, we mentioned that **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** was in a perfect attendance contest with the **Pittsburgh Public Schools**. The result was we won the contest! Radio Disney came to our school the afternoon of June 10 during our Fun Day. More great news resulted when our art teacher, **Mrs. Molly Peterson**, encouraged the students to participate in an art competition. **Jenna Moretti**, a 4th grade student at **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5**, art work was selected to be published as the back cover for the annual A+ Schools school report. Congratulations to Jenna and also to Mrs. Peterson. **Pittsburgh West Liberty's Dancing Classrooms** participated in the Colors of the Rainbow Dance Competition. Not

only did **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** make it to the finals, they also earned second place! As this school year closes and the thoughts of summer fun begin to creep into our minds, we're starting to get ready for next school year.

School will be back in session on Thursday, September 1 for grades 1-5. Kindergarten's first day will be on September 7. On September 1 we will have our "Welcome Back to School" Ice Cream Social. This is a great opportunity for parents and community members to meet and greet the staff for the upcoming school year. In conjunction with the social, there will be a great raffle with some interesting gift baskets, music and treats for all. On September 9 **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** will be having a recognition ceremony commemorating the 10 year Anniversary of September 11 and also recognizing our hometown heroes, who have dedicated their lives protecting us every day. Watch for our August article for updates regarding future activities that will be happening at **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5**. Until then, think cool thoughts and enjoy the beautiful summer days!

Kathy Moran, Principal
Teresa Grusong-Adams, First Grade Teacher

The 3/50 Project



Looking for a good way to make a difference? Support the community's newest initiative: The 3/50 Project. Several of your local community groups in Brookline and Beechview have decided to launch The 3/50 Project to encourage residents to think locally when making purchasing decisions. The concept is easy -

- **3** What three independently owned businesses would you miss if they disappeared? Stop in. Say hello. Pick up something at the business. Your purchases are what keeps those businesses around.
- **50** If half the employed population spent \$50 a month in locally owned independent businesses, it would generate more than \$42.6 billion in revenues nationally. Now, imagine if $\frac{3}{4}$ of the population did that.
- **68** For every \$100 spent in locally owned businesses, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll, and other expenditures. If you spend that in a national chain, only \$43 stays here. Spend it online and nothing comes home.
- **1** The number of people it takes to start the trend - you. Or a bunch of you.

Create challenges with your neighbors, encourage local spending habits, and look for future program incentives to get involved.

This project is a nationally respected program and is supporting local business districts all over the country! Let's see if the South Pittsburgh communities are up to the challenge to find ways to spend \$50 a month in either Brookline or Beechview - or both.

Visit local merchants to learn more about Raffle Items associated with the project! It's easier than you think! After all, stronger business districts often have a more positive impact on property values and growth for the neighborhood.

This initiative is supported by the following organizations: Beechview Merchants Association, **Brookline Area Concerned Citizens**, **Brookline Chamber of Commerce**, Community Leaders United for Beechview and **South Pittsburgh Development Corporation**.

-Stephanie Miller

JOANNE'S CORNER

Things that aren't here anymore - Part 28



I wonder how many of our readers remember two famous Brookline sisters who were songstresses that hit the big time in New York City? **Eugenie Baird** and her lesser known sister **Kay Baird**. Eugenie starred on "Your Hit Parade" and "Stop the

Music." They lived on Sageman Avenue with their mother and twin brothers Bill and the late **Gene Baird**. **Bill Baird** still lives in Brookline. Gene was killed in that tragic December 1953 car crash that also took the lives of two other Brookline boys.

It would be interesting to hear any other information you might have on the singing Baird sisters. On another subject, has anyone noticed that we never hear church bells anymore. They always rang at least once a day, every day at noon. Another beautiful ritual gone by the wayside? Talk to me please!

-Joanne Fantoni

Questions of the Month:

Do you know how many of our churches in Brookline had a steeple with bells?

Last Month's Questions:

Does anyone remember the name of the Lebanese restaurant that was upstairs of **Party Cake** and **South Hills Printing**?

Answer: Joanne was hoping a reader knew the answer! Sometimes Joanne needs YOUR help. If you know the answer, please contact us. See page two for contact information.



Above: **Frank F. DeBor Funeral Home Inc.** has sponsored little league in Brookline since 1951.

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COMPANY PRESENTS CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR BROOKLINE K-8



Global Chemical Companies whose plant is located on Neville Island participated in the Career Day at **Brookline K-8** last year. Ashland Chemicals was a huge hit. This year even though Brookline did not have the same type of Career Day, Ashland graciously offered to do a presentation about their product for the students.

Ashland Chemicals, a Global Corporation, and The KAG (A National Transportation Carrier) went to Brookline School on Thursday, June 9, 2011 and gave students a glimpse into the chemical industry. KAG brought in a clean tractor-trailer for the students to see how materials are transported. The students heard a quick synopsis of how to safely coexist on the road with these mammoth pieces of machinery.

Ashland explained how polyester resins are used in everything from A-Z and brought little samples made just for the students. They also demonstrated how the product goes from a liquid to a solid in a matter of minutes. Within these two companies there are multiple opportunities for those with a high school diploma, technical training or a college degree. The companies hope to tweak the interest of students at a young age. Opportunities exist as inventors of products not yet imagined, sales persons who introduce these products to the public, or as the first recipients of those innovations.

Corporations are beginning to step-up and open doors to the future caretakers of our society. A Hand On Tomorrow's Future is what they aim to achieve by becoming an active participant in the educational process of our children. It was a positive alternative to the negativity that has filled the news about schools and the educational system.

-*Gaye Waller Posey* Material Coordinator, Ashland Inc-Performance Material

-Photo by *Ramona Henderson*



YOU CAN RELY ON ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

Summertime is here, and for many people that means vacation. Some of the best vacations are the ones that allow you to spend time with family who live far away.

If you're planning to visit your kids and grandkids this summer, why not make the most of your time with them? You may know your way around a computer. But youngsters today who grew up on a computer can teach most of us some new tricks. And they'd probably be thrilled to share some online time with their grandparents. Ask them to pull out their tablet, iPad, or laptop and show you how to find your way around Social Security's website, www.socialsecurity.gov.

Ask them to show you how to use www.socialsecurity.gov to avoid unneeded trips to a Social Security office. Have them show you our library of online publications containing all the information you might want to know on an array of Social Security, retirement, and Medicare subjects. The publications can be found at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/index.html. If you're thinking about retirement, for example, you may want to check out *When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits* at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html. (Unlike some libraries, there's no due date to remember.) That was easy! With the young ones helping you, you might as well go ahead and spend another 15 minutes to get the job done. No need to put on your shoes and sunglasses — you can apply online without having to leave your home. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline where you can apply for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes. Once you click the "submit" button, you're done; in most cases there are no forms to sign or documents to mail in.

Here's a way to get the attention of the young ones: ask them about Facebook and Twitter. Once they've got you on Facebook, you'll have a new way of connecting with them. Did you know Social Security is on Facebook and Twitter too? Just go to www.socialsecurity.gov and click the Facebook and Twitter icons on the main page.

Visiting your kids and grandchildren can be a lot of fun. Make it productive as well by asking the young whiz kid in your family about www.socialsecurity.gov.

-*Patricia Thibault*

Social Security Manager in Pittsburgh

THIS MONTH AT CARNEGIE LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

One World, Many Stories

Hop on board for the Library's summer reading program. Between June 13 and August 4, celebrate One World, Many Stories with folktales, crafts, music, dance and more from around the world.



World of Crafts

Tuesdays, 2:00PM

Kids entering grades K-5 - Learn to make fun and interesting crafts like those created by children in other countries.

World Explorers

Wednesdays, 2:00PM

Kids entering grades K-5 - Go global with stories, songs and more inspired by cultures around the world.

Away We Go!

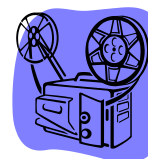
Thursdays, 11:00AM

Kids ages 0-3 - Book a trip for world-wide fun with stories, rhymes and fingerplays.

Around the World in 8 Movies

Thursdays, 2:00PM

Kids entering grades K-5 - Take a trip around the globe with some of your favorite film characters. All movies rated G or PG. Call the Library for titles.



TEEN PROGRAMS

You are Here

Between June 13 and August 4, take the world stage at the Library. Join us to discover the unique spirit and culture of people throughout the world.

Go Global, Go Green

Mondays, 2:00PM

Teens entering grades 6-12 - Craft your own fabulous, fun creations inspired by nations around the globe and some eco-friendly projects that can help save our planet.

Book Your Ticket

Third Monday of each month, 4:00PM

Teens entering grades 6-12 - Expand your horizons by discussing books set in locales throughout the world.

Other special programs may be scheduled throughout the summer. Be sure to check back often for the most up-to-date information.

This year's Summer Reading program at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Brookline is generously supported by the Friends and Family of Danielle Greenburg in her memory.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Discussions Adults 18 and older. Explore new ideas and perspectives through contemporary and classic fiction and nonfiction.

Monday Evening Book Club - First Monday of each month at 6:00PM

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THE BROOKLINE BREEZE - 30 YEARS AND STILL RUNNING

Foot races in the Pittsburgh area, like the Pittsburgh Marathon and the Richard S. Caligiuri Great Race, have seen record increases in participation these past few years. Interest in personal health and fitness around the country is on the rise, and one way to join in on the fitness craze is by getting out on a summer morning and going for a walk or a short run.

Here in Brookline, August 13, 2011 marks the 30th Anniversary of the **Brookline Breeze 5K Run and Fitness Walk**. Like the big name races in the city, the **Brookline Breeze** has also seen an increase in participation. Last year's roster topped 600 runners/walkers. Breeze organizers are busy preparing for another excellent turnout. Along with a corresponding Community Festival and in cooperation with the **Boulevard BreezeFest**, this landmark anniversary event is shaping up to be a fitting continuation to what has become a neighborhood tradition.

This year the Breeze has added a new event. In addition to the Breeze 5K and the One Mile Mini-Breeze, which is a fun run geared for children, there will also be a One Mile Doggie Dash. Registered Mini-Breeze runners or walkers can bring their dogs, on a leash of course. The dogs, who will receive a breeze bandana, must also be registered. All registered runners/walkers will receive a commemorative 30th Anniversary Breeze t-shirt along with a race pack full of surprises.

The **Brookline Breeze** is one of the showcase events on the Citiparks racing calendar. Each year many of the top runners in the metropolitan area compete, including hundreds of local running enthusiasts and racing beginners, along with scores of walkers, who just like to get out and take a stroll. The 5K course begins at **Brookline Park** and flows to Pioneer Avenue, then turns left. It continues along Pioneer to West Liberty Avenue in Dormont then returns along the same path to the finishing line in **Brookline Park**. Five kilometers is slightly over three miles.

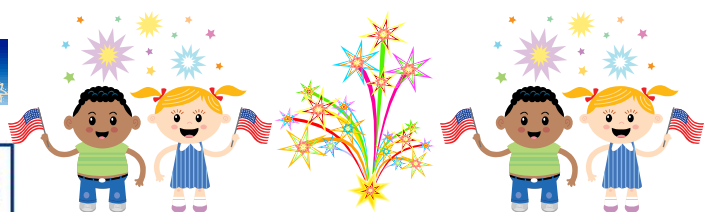
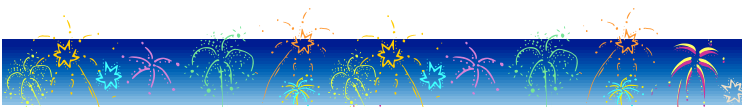
The Fun Run kicks off at 8:30am. The Doggie Dash starts at 8:35pm. The main event begins at 9:00am. The costs are as follows: 5K Run - \$15, 5K Walk - \$12, Mini Breeze - \$9, Additional Dog - \$7, Wheelchair race - \$15. Before, during and after the race, the band Yinzide Out will be performing on stage at **Brookline Park**. After the awards presentation, there will be a raffle with over \$1000 in prizes offered, including a Steelers football, game tickets, restaurant coupons and much more.

Proceeds from the **Brookline Breeze 5K Fitness Run and Walk** benefit the **Brookline Area Food Bank**, **Meals on Wheels**, **Brookline Area Recreation Programs**, and **Brookline Regional Catholic**.

Hard copy race applications can be obtained at the **Brookline Recreation Center** or online at www.brooklineconnection.com. Participants can also register online at the official **Brookline Breeze 5K** webpage, www.brooklinebreeze.com.

August 13, 2011 is going to be a great day for the community of Brookline. Mark your calendars and come join in the fun.

-Clint Burton



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REPRESENTATIVE CHELSA WAGNER

I am pleased that my proposal reforming the composition of the board of directors of the Port Authority of Allegheny County (PAT) was approved overwhelmingly by the House of Representatives on June 7.

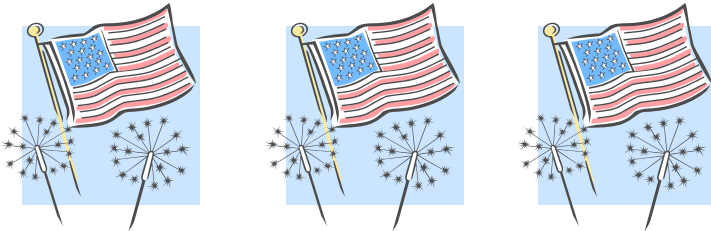
Reforming the PAT board has been a priority for me since I was first elected in 2006, and the repeated fare increases and service cuts riders have experienced illustrate the need for these changes to occur as soon as possible.

Currently, all members of the PAT board are appointed by the county executive. This has resulted in a lack of diversity of viewpoints on the board that is unhealthy for any organization and especially one on which so many of our residents depend.

My proposal, contained in House Bill 1304, would expand the board to 11 members including five appointed by state government leaders. A majority of members would continue to be appointed by the county, and all members would have to be county residents. As board members are unpaid, the cost of expanding the board would be minimal.

In recent years, state government has routinely provided more than 60 percent of PAT's funding. It has been difficult for the state to hold PAT accountable for its use of this funding without a voice on the board. The new board members would add checks and balances to PAT's decision-making.

As we seek more efficient and transparent use of existing funds, I and other legislators also continue to work toward a sustainable funding formula for transit that will allow us to restore and expand service. State leaders are unlikely to agree to more funding without a voice in how it is used, which makes this reform essential to the future of transit in our region. I urge the state Senate to take action on this proposal quickly so that elected officials and riders alike can have greater faith in the Port Authority's decisions.





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There are definite signs of our economy's improvement if the help wanted signs in the area are any indication. There are many things that the Pittsburgh region does well when it comes to job growth. We understand and grasp the importance of small business, know what resources and programs are crucial to job growth, and focus on those sectors that perform well. I firmly believe that we need to continue to support those efforts that work.

On June 9, the IGA Market on Broadway hosted its first job fair where 131 applicants stopped by to submit resumes and applications for the positions available when the store opens this fall. Didn't make it to the job fair? You can still apply. Simply stop by the store (1616 Broadway Avenue) and ask for Gino to get an application.

If you're looking for a job, take a stroll or a spin past my Brookline Office (932 Brookline Boulevard) to see the postings of Employment & Training Opportunities available in the region. While the windows are updated on an ongoing basis, please feel free to also stop in the office to ask about other opportunities that may not yet be posted.

Interested in starting your own business, or getting tips on how to grow your business? Take advantage of a monthly Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Outreach Day that I host in my Kennedy Office. The next date is Tuesday, July 5. The SBDC program gives entrepreneurs reliable assistance, whether it involves starting a small business or improving an existing one. Client Services Liaison John Dobransky will be available between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Although not required, appointments are encouraged by calling John at 412-624-2290.

Finally – did you know that the Property Tax & Rent Rebate Program deadline has been extended until December 31, 2011? If you are a Pennsylvanian age 65 and older, a person with a disability 18 and older, or a widow or widower age 50 and older, you may be eligible. Income limits are \$35,000 for homeowners and \$15,000 for renters. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can increase rebates to \$975. You can stop by any one of my district offices to get a claim form, receive help in completing your application, and check the status of your claim.

BROOKLINE BLVD. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Work performed to May 31, 2011:

- Site investigations - All tasks complete
- Preliminary design - All tasks complete
- Final Design
 - * Conducted internal design coordination meeting with all sub consultants on May 11, 2011.
 - * Attended design coordination meeting with City on May 18, 2011.
 - * Submitted proposed tree layout to City for review and approval
 - * Developed list of fields survey needs for KAG
- Engineering
 - * Developed mailing list for right-of-way waiver forms
 - * Updated DFV plans to address review comments

Anticipated in June 2011

- * Address review comments from City concerning proposed tree layout.
- * Submit updated DFV plans and construction cost estimate on June 3rd
- * Conduct a utility coordination meeting
- * Continue to progress with Final Design Tasks (Final Right-of-Way Plan, Final Roadway Plan, Final Traffic Control Plan, Final Signal Plan etc).

You can see the progress yourself by visiting the website Pittsburghfederalprojects.com

-Lois McCafferty



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IN MEMORY



On May 18 **Carnegie Library** hosted an Open House at the Brookline Branch to honor children's librarian **Miss Danielle Greenburg**. **Miss Greenburg** passed away on February 27 at the young age of 33. I had the pleasure of working with Miss Danielle for the **This Month at Carnegie**

Library section of the newsletter.

At the Open House visitors were invited to share their favorite memory by creating a paper flower or butterfly. The creations will be placed in the Memory Garden. In addition, the Library is designing a Wizard of Oz display including ruby slippers. It was Miss Danielle's favorite movie. There will be a fund set up in Miss Danielle's name to support the Library. If you are interested in donating, call 412-561-1003, or stop in **Carnegie Library Brookline Branch**.



-Pamela Grabowski



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

The **Brookline** is three years old with this issue. Our first issue was July 2008. We are amazed at our longevity and very appreciative of your support. Thank you!

BACC MEMBER DRIVE

The **BACC [Brookline Area Community Council]** is actively seeking new members and have some openings in our organization. We hold two meetings a month one on the third Tuesday for our board meeting and the other one on the fourth Monday which is our open meeting held at **St Mark's Lutheran Church** on Brookline Boulevard at the corner of Glenarm Avenue next to **Co-Go's**.

We have open meetings and are here for our community. At this time, we are also asking the community if you have any issues that you would like discussed in an open forum. We have discussed several topics in the past from the Port Authority to our schools to crimes and mine subsidence. So, if you have an idea, need or concern, please contact us with your opinion. We are here to aid our community.

Please send a letter to **BACC** at PO Box 9627 Pittsburgh PA 15226 or an email to louisepallone@hotmail.com or call 412-668-0655.

Thank you for your interest and have a peaceful, blessed and enjoyable summer. See you in the Fall.

-Louise R Pallone
President of **BACC**

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.
- **DOGIPOT MAINTENANCE** call Lisa at 412-343-1319
- **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**

Somewhere on this planet, someone has a solution to each of the world's problems. It might be one of us. With your help, we can build a more hopeful world. -Marianne Larned

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THIS MONTH

July 9 Saturday

Flea Market 8:00AM to 2:00PM at Brookline Recreation Center Bring your own table. Free.

July 12 Tuesday

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

July 28 - 30 Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Throughline Theatre's production of *Othello* at **Seton Center** 1900 Pioneer Ave. Thursday & Friday at 8:00PM Saturday at 5:30PM. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10.00. Students (valid school ID) & Seniors (55 and older) \$8.00

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: Scott push lawnmower with bag, Hoover carpet shampoo sweeper, Kenmore sewing machine (needs bobbin case), Oster ice cream maker, 2 piece cabinet handles plus screws (26), 2 tennis rackets Wilson/Banncroft with Billie Jean King autograph. Also, candy molds, coffee pot, hand blender and assorted tableware. Call 412-531-7726 for prices.

Cassie's Pet Sitting Service - Walking, Feeding, Transport to the Vet.
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Brookline Year Round Farm Stand
Seton Center
1900 Pioneer Ave
Every Wednesday
11:00AM — 6:00PM

FUN FLAIR



The **Resurrection Fun Flair** [Resurrection Church located at 1100 Creedmoor Ave.] kicks off July 6, 2011 and ends Saturday July 9, 2011. Each night, the **Fun Flair** is open from 7 – 11PM. Four full hours of fun for the entire family! Spread across the courtyard, gym, Quinn Hall and garage, the **Fun Flair** will have games, a huge Chinese Auction and garage sale, bake sale, bingo and more.

And on Friday, July 8, there is a special fish dinner from 4-7PM that includes mac and cheese, fries, coleslaw, applesauce, veggies, rolls and butter, desserts and beverages.

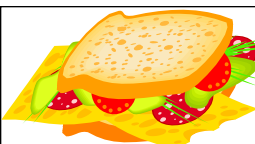
-Bethany Hensel



BROOKLINE RECREATION CENTER

- **Boxing** is back in Brookline Wednesdays 6:00PM to 8:00PM for ages 8 to adult.
- **Art class** - Saturdays 11:00AM to 1:00PM for ages 12 through adult. Cost is \$3 plus materials.
- **Kick ball** for ages 4 through 9 - games to be played Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30PM to 6:00PM. Cost will be \$10, and each child will receive a T-shirt.
- **Adult Craft Classes**- Monday 1:00PM to 2:30PM and in the evening 7:00PM to 8:30PM.
- **Fitness Challenge** - Thursdays 7:00PM to 8:00PM - We'll help you get ready to join us in the Brookline Breeze. This is a free program.
- **Martial Arts** - Mondays 6:00PM to 8:45PM for ages 10 to adult. Learn Tae Kwon Do fundamentals with a trained instructor. Cost is \$15 a year.

Call the center for more information 412-571-3222.



Free School Lunch program is in effect in July and August. Free lunches and snacks for 18-under. Lunch is 12:00-2:00 and snack from 3:00-4:00 at the **Brookline Recreation Center**.

Brookline Breeze



Register for the **Brookline Breeze 5K Run and Fitness Walk**, including the one-mile fun run and the first **Doggie Dash** (a separate part of the one mile fun run) This is the 30th Anniversary. Saturday, August 13, 2011. Fun Run 8:30AM - 5K

Run and Walk 9:00AM. Registration forms can be obtained at the **Brookline Recreation Center** or online registration accepted at www.brooklinebreeze.com.



OPEN MIC SERIES
Cannon Coffee 802 Brookline Blvd.

CINEMA IN THE PARK

Starts at Dark (approx. 9:00PM)
Brookline Memorial Park
July 7 - Justin Bieber Never Say Never (G)

July 14 - Despicable Me (PG)



July 21 - The Karate Kid (PG)

July 28 - Shrek Forever After (PG)

MEMORIAL DAY IN BROOKLINE



“THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS IS FREEDOM, AND



THE SECRET OF FREEDOM, COURAGE”

-Thucydides, Ancient Greek historian

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

My daughter lost a check that I gave her on Tuesday June 7, 2011 on Brookline Blvd. She was not aware of losing the check. A gentleman found it while walking his dog on the Blvd. He took the check to the **PNC Bank** on the Blvd. They called me to tell me the check was turned in and for me to come to the Bank to get it. I want to Thank this Person so very much for doing this Good Noble Deed. As I do not know his name, I do want to say a Big THANK YOU...For You are a Kind and Noble man.

-Pat Khalil

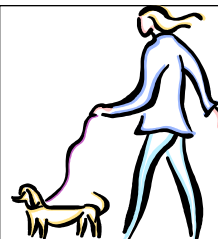
BROOKLINE ARTS INITIATIVE

Brookline Arts Initiative Benefit Show on July 29 at Club Cafe with two bands, Costello and the Cool Minors, Recycled Air, and featured songwriters Zach Hudson and Janine DeWitt, and poets Johann Lynge and Tera MacIntosh. Doors open at 10:00PM. Tickets are \$8.00, pre-sold at Cannon Coffee.

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DOGIPOT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lisa Wilson, the Dogipot Volunteer Coordinator, could use your help. If you walk your dog or just walk yourself, could you help Lisa fill some Dogipots? She's doing this job herself, but we all benefit from the clean walks. You can find Linda's number on page 10 under Call For Volunteers. She could really use some help.