

Letter from the Editor



Autumn's here. Can't deny it any longer. We are enjoying the wondrous colors of fall and trying not to dwell on the white world that awaits us. Our neighbor revels in the cold weather and is almost giddy in anticipation. We try to ignore him.

It's hunkering down season. That hunkering isn't just about cold winds either. The economy isn't warming the cockles of our heart. Don't know about you, but we are trying to trim the budget-again. We are spending our dollars close to home. **Through-line Theatre** has one more performance in November, and we will be there. The Bar Crawl on October 15 (page 5) will be our October night out. We are going to check out **Pittsburgh Thrift** for some new-to-us winter wear. Thank goodness for **Rosemary**

Nulton's jewelry at **Cannon Coffee**. We have purchased several pairs of earrings for gifts. We will buy a bag of frozen pretzels from **Vinnie's** instead of the small box at the grocery store. Just shopping on the Boulevard saves gas money.

Our personal bank account isn't the only one feeling the pinch. The city, county and state are hurting, too. That means less service. If we want something done, it's going to be more DIY (Do It Yourself). The over sixty crowd will remember twice a day mail delivery during the holidays and the refuse truck with the hose that vacuumed up the leaves you raked and piled in front of your house. Now mail delivery may be Monday through Friday only, and we bag our leaves or haul them to a compost. It's more doing ourselves and less having it done for us.

Prognosticating isn't one of our talents, but the future appears to be more about neighbor helping neighbor, rather than there's a phone number you can call to get that done. Perhaps this is the perfect time to get to know your neighbor better. Shop on the Boulevard, attend the parade, check out the bar crawl or dine at one of the restaurants. You just might meet your neighbor there too.



The Medicine Shoppe

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Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 6:00PM
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After spending a few minutes talking with **Joe Daniels**, owner of **The Medicine Shoppe**, I knew immediately why my mother always checks with Joe before she gets a new prescription or buys an OTC drug. His friendly, professional manner engenders trust.

Make no mistake; **The Medicine Shoppe** is a pharmacy, not a pharmacy/mini-mart. Joe does carry a few household products, toiletries, candy and beverages for the convenience of his customers, but **The Medicine Shoppe** is about drugs - prescription drugs, OTC drugs and compounding.

A compounding pharmacy prepares a medication tailored to your needs.

That might mean preparing a drug in a milder strength suitable for a child or a senior. Some people are allergic to certain dyes or ingredients in a drug. A compounding pharmacy can solve these problems as well. For those who have difficulty swallowing pills, a compounding pharmacy can often provide the same medication in a liquid or cream form. **The Medicine Shoppe** will work with your physician, your dentist, even your pet's veterinarian. Are you tired of sporting claw marks after pilling Fluffy or Fido? Stop and talk to Joe. He might be able to turn that pill into a cream that you apply to your pet's ears.

The Medicine Shoppe accepts all insurance, and their prices are competitive. In fact, if Joe can suggest a less expensive drug, he will work with you and your physician to save you money. There's an automatic refill service to avoid a panic when you realize you are taking your last pill and you forgot to get a refill. You can also get your flu, shingles, pneumonia and travel vaccines administered at **The Medicine Shoppe**. There's free delivery, too. You can bring your old prescription medication to Joe for safe disposal. When it comes to drugs, I have to agree with my Mom. You know what they say - "Mother Knows Best."


-Pamela Grabowski
-Photos by Catia Fath



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

THE BROOKLINE



We want to hear from you. Send your questions or comments by email, phone or mail. Deadline for November is October 12. December's deadline is November 12.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Email: thebrookline@brookline-pgh.org or

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Telephone: 412-343-2859

Mail: **The Brookline**, PO Box 96136, Pittsburgh, PA 15226.

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

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INTRODUCING THE BROOKLINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** is a non-profit corporation since 1955. Membership is open to businesspersons, community residents, and various civic organizations, concerned about the general welfare of the Brookline business district. Present membership is 70. Dues are \$50.00 per year.

The **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** sponsors business promotions. For example: community picnic, Breeze-fest, Christmas lighting, Halloween Parade, Little League Team, Flag Program, co-sponsor of Breeze Race and other community activities.

The **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** is organized for the purpose of protecting, fostering, and developing the business of Brookline and its trade area. We shall be non-partisan, non sectional and non sectarian and shall take no part in the election or appointment of any candidate for public office.

Present officers are: **Linda Boss**, President, **Nathan Mallory**, Vice President, **Lee Herbermann**, Treasurer. Board: **Lois McCafferty**, Sr. **Barbara Boss**, **Sal Bondi**, **Ken Boucher**, **Patricia Marone**, **Annette Ferrieri** and **Jessica Clark**.

You can contact **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** at P.O. Box 9610, Pittsburgh, PA 15226

-Linda Boss

WANT TO RETIRE IN 2012? APPLY NOW!

Plan to start receiving your Social Security retirement benefits in January of 2012? We recommend you apply this October if you'd like your benefits to begin in January.

If the prospect of traveling to an office does not appeal to you, then save yourself a trip and consider the advantages of applying online for Social Security retirement benefits. The Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov makes the process easy and convenient.

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You can complete your application for retirement benefits from the comfort of your home or office in as little as 15 minutes. Then you can celebrate 2012 by receiving your first Social Security payment on time.

If you are not quite ready to retire but are thinking about doing so in the near future, you may want to visit Social Security's website to use our convenient and informative retirement planner at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2. Here you can find out just how close you are to meeting your financial goals and then "bookmark" the website to file for retirement benefits whenever you are ready.

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SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

It has become very clear, particularly in light of the ongoing dispute between the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and Highmark, that there are non-profits in PA with no concern at all about contributing to the common good or lessening the burden on government and taxpayers. Instead it's about their bottom line. In fact, UPMC's president was recently quoted as saying the decision to no longer negotiate was based on the "realities of competition." If that is indeed the case, why should taxpayers pay more to boost any non-profit's bottom line?

It's why I am proposing legislation that would require all non-profits to pay taxes on the assessed value of their land only (no buildings), but would exempt the first \$200,000 of total land value. The exemption would not be on a per parcel basis, but would instead apply to all properties owned by the non-profit.

Non-profits in PA have the ability to enter into voluntary agreements to defray some of the costs of local government services, but those agreements have become endangered species. Like most Pennsylvanians, the non-profit sector has been affected by the recession, but by stopping or decreasing these payments, the non-profit sector ends up putting an even greater burden on taxpayers. The system lacks uniformity.

Perhaps even more importantly, large non-profits such as UPMC and Highmark seem to have forgotten their missions and operate under the assumption that competition and profits are driving forces in their decisions. Please do not misunderstand me. I do not believe that all tax exemptions are frivolous. Many non-profits provide services that the government would otherwise have to perform. In fact, many of these institutions are central to the revitalization of the communities in which they are located. My legislation attempts to address the imbalance created by organizations where profit is clearly their driving factor. Each day we see non-profits in the community buying up real estate, expanding, getting bigger and bigger while making decisions that actually harm our communities. Asking them to pay taxes on only their land value starts to address that inconsistency.

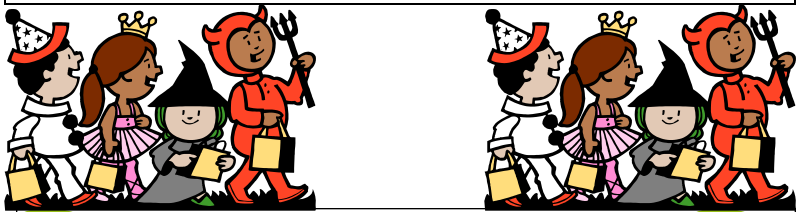
As always, I look forward to hearing from you about this issue and others that are of interest and importance to you.



READER RESPONSE

The newspaper clipping on the left is from John Christner. The caption under the picture reads, "VET IN BUSINESS - **Richard Bauer**, ex-lieutenant who won 14 citations and five Purple Hearts in the Army in Europe, serves **Jackie Olah**, 2, and **Jackie Christner**, 9, in his confectionery store."

Mr. Christner added this note, "1946 968 Brookline Blvd. A poolroom was run downstairs of the store by the father."



SPDC HALLOWEEN RAFFLE

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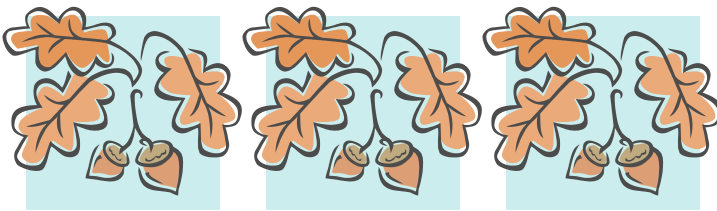
JOANNE'S CORNER

Things that aren't here anymore - Part 31

As we are moving into fall, recent happenings in Brookline bring to mind the title of this column "Things that are not here anymore." By this I mean the lack now of a safe and carefree feeling that was prevalent in the 40s and 50s. I know personally of one of these recent robberies that totally traumatized the children whose home was violated. The thought that a stranger entered their bedrooms and took things that were very valuable to them was something that preyed on their minds all the time, especially the young boy's. Only since the culprit has been caught has some sense of security returned to them. Childhood is a time of fun and games—not to worry about someone coming into your space and taking your "valuables." How lucky we were back in the day—the happy and carefree days of growing up in Brookline. Things that are not here anymore.

-Joanne Fantoni

QUESTION OF THE MONTH: Does anyone know the name of the celebrity who was at **Moore Recreation Center** in the early 1960s for a celebrity ballgame?



COMMUNITY CRIMES ZONE 6

This is the same report presented at the monthly Block Watch Meeting by **Commander Scott Schubert** and **Officer Kenneth Stewing**. If you don't currently receive the crime reports by email and you want to receive the emails, contact us. If you want more information on the incidents below, please contact us at 412-343-2859. Or, you can email us at mnp.grabowski@verizon.net, please put "Crime Report" in the subject line.

<u>AUGUST CRIMES ZONE 6</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Brookline</u>
Aggravated Assault	11	1
Robbery	5	1
Burglary	28	3
Theft	30	11
Theft from Vehicle	30	6
Stolen Vehicle	4	1



ART IN THE ALLEY
OCTOBER 22
5:00PM

MORE INFO AT
CANNON COFFEE

"BECAUSE YOUR MINE, I WALK THE LINE" PUB CRAWL

Cannon Coffee is hosting Brookline's first, and hopefully not last, Pub Crawl on Saturday, October 15. The crawl starts at 7:00PM at the **Moonlite Café**. Crawl attendees will continue on to **Zippy's**. There will be a quick stop at **Las Palmas** for a taco then it's on to **Brookline Pub**, **Gordon's** and **Boulevard Lounge** where there will be live music. The evening or rather early morning will end at **JR's** and **Marshall's**. Yes the ending time for this event is 2:00 AM on Sunday, October 16 or earlier for those not accustomed to late hours. The event is listed on **Cannon Coffee's** Facebook page. You can add your name to the list of attendees, and send an invite to a friend.

The list of drink specials and the schedule is not final so keep an eye on the Facebook page or check the coffee shop for updates. **Nathan Mallory** and **Ben Haake** are looking for people who would like to help them host the event. If you are interested contact them at **Cannon Coffee** 412-563-0202.

This is a great way to check out some of the local watering holes. There's comfort in numbers. So join the crowd and ease your way down the Boulevard. The idea is to get some new faces in these establishments.

Needless to say this is a STRICTLY 21 years of age or older event. Come out and help make this an annual event. Ask a neighbor to join you. Combine exercise with enjoyment. Remember to pace yourself. The idea is to have fun with no regrets the next day.

-Pamela Grabowski





REPRESENTATIVE CHELSA WAGNER

In the past several months, our public safety professionals in the City of Pittsburgh have been forced to respond to challenges ranging from historic flooding to the arrival of Batman. Meanwhile, violent crime in some neighborhoods and the general welfare of all of our communities needs greater attention.

In an effort to help address this issue, I have reintroduced legislation that would allow retired police officers to voluntarily return to service to complement our active police force.

Named the Return to Service Act, this bill would allow retired officers to perform part-time police work while still collecting the pensions they earned during their years of active duty. Currently, state law prohibits this.

While the rigors of police work are taxing physically and mentally, officers who retire in their 50s can still make great contributions with their knowledge and abilities. Retired officers could perform traffic control, community relations, and confidential clerical work that cannot be done by civilians, among many other potential duties, freeing up active officers to prevent and investigate crime in our neighborhoods. Similar programs in cities around the country have resulted in the return of hundreds of officers.

With police departments stretched thin and municipal budgets stretched thinner, our communities need the help retired officers can provide. The well-being of our communities requires that we not forego adequate police protection due to the costs, and I believe my bill offers one solution to help address this concern.



Cub Scout Pack 601's Annual Pancake Breakfast



The Parents of Cub Scout Pack 601 will be holding their annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, November 6 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in **Fr. Quinn Hall at Resurrection Church**. The prices are \$5 for adults; \$3 for kids ages 3-10 and free for kids under 3 years old. The price includes pancakes, sausage, coffee and drinks for the kids. There will also be a Chinese Auction and a Bake Sale. All proceeds will directly benefit the Cub Scouts. *- Michele Metting*



OCTOBER AT THE LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Pre-K Storytime Tuesdays at 1:00 PM
 Children ages 3-5 and their caregivers
 Hear stories, sing songs and learn rhymes together

After-school Craft Club Wednesdays at 3:30 PM
 Kids in grades K-5
 Relax after school by making a cool craft

Baby and Toddler Storytime Thursdays at 11:00 AM
 Babies and toddlers up to age three and their caregivers
 Hear stories, sing songs and try rhymes together

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 6:00 PM



Wednesday Afternoon Book Club
 Second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM

Friends of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Brookline
 Saturday, October 1 from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
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BROOKLINE BLVD. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

August Agenda:

1. Administrative items
 - Potential change to letting date
 - Approval of extension of fiber optics overhead from Queensboro to Whited and Pioneer to West Liberty
 - Follow - up to determine if extension of fiber optics is eligible for federal funding.
 - Scheduling of project field view with PennDot
 - Scheduling of final public meeting
2. Right of way
 - Access into buildings to perform vault work
 - Required right of way/ TCE for MJ Automotive parcel
3. Traffic
 - Update on progress to date
 - Approval/review comments for new traffic signal at Starkamp
 - Coordination with fire station to accommodate fire trucks during construction
4. Lighting
 - Approval to provide metal halide lights
 - Potential combination of mast arms and light poles
5. Utilities
 - Utility meetings were held with Columbia Gas and Pennsylvania American Water
 - Meetings with other utility companies are currently being scheduled

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

-Lois McCafferty

2011 SHYNE AWARD WINNER

The prestigious SHYNE awards identify talented youth as “Shyning” examples for Pittsburgh and surrounding counties, and we congratulate **Angelea Taylor** on her award in the Arts category! Previously this year, this **CAPA** student and Brookline resident travelled to Los Angeles to perform and record with The 2011 GRAMMY Jazz Ensemble. Angelea performed with very talented 2011 GRAMMY Jazz Ensemble instrumentalists and vocalists on songs such as Jacket Town, Jazz Crimes, Splanky and Come Rain or Come Shine. A CD of this recording was released on iTunes, August 30, 2011. She is one of the featured soloists on the most popular song on this album which is an acappella piece entitled Hush, Hush, Hush. This is a beautiful song written by Paula Cole and was performed by Paula and notable musicians such as Herbie Hancock and Annie Lennox. Paula wrote it about a friend who was dying from AIDS. The story behind this very moving song, describes the final encounter between a young man dying of AIDS and his father who is only just beginning to grasp and accept his son’s fate. For your convenience the link to the 2011 GRAMMY Jazz Ensemble Album on iTunes is provided below: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/album/grammy-jazz-ensembles-2011/id462804454>.

-Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak

2011 JEFFERSON AWARD

Our congratulations to **Patricia Erny** for being a 2011 Jefferson Award recipient. Patricia is the director of the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry**. She has held that position for fifteen years. When you call the number for the food pantry listed in the “Call for Volunteers” section of **The Brookline**, Patricia answers the phone. She also writes the thank you notes we receive when we send the food pantry a Giant Eagle Gift Card. You can find her at the food pantry every second Saturday directing the food distribution process. In addition, she handles emergency calls for food. Patricia is 81 years young and does an amazing job. Thank you Patricia and congratulations.

- Pamela Grabowski



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THE BROOKLINE KNIGHTS

Are you ready for some football? If an NFL dispute had shut down football this season, Brookline residents didn't have to suffer. **The Brookline Knights** under head coach **Joe Nicholas** started their 17th season this year. Joe's no non-sense style has crafted a team of winners.

Under Joe's leadership the Knights' various age groups have won numerous championships. Most recently, the 2007 10-Under team won the South Suburban Youth Football League Super Bowl, then returned in 2009 and 2010 to defend the 13-Under crown.

Joe is a City of Pittsburgh Police Officer, and he sets down rules for his players, his staff and the parents. He talks to the parents at the beginning of each season. He makes it clear that parents who cannot control themselves are not welcome. In his coaching career he has never had to go before the league as a result of a dispute. His staff has strict guidelines as well, no drinking and no smoking.

His style certainly hasn't deterred signups. Prospective players come from Beechview, Carrick, Beltzhoover and Baldwin to become a **Brookline Knight** and play for Joe. The Nicholas Family is a significant part of the legacy of **The Brookline Knights**. Joe's son Joey is a member of the coaching staff and Joe's daughter Nicole is a cheerleader coach. The concession stand is staffed by Joe's wife Lisa and a group of parent volunteers. The concession stand features "Lisa's Almost-Famous Hot Sausage." The parents are required to volunteer time at the concession stand in order for their children to participate in the program.

Former players return and tell Joe how important the program and his coaching were to them. That's his reward, his paycheck for being a volunteer. Ray Ventrone from the Cleveland Browns and Bruce Gradkowski from the Cincinnati Bengals played for **The Brookline Knights**.

Check out the schedule below and try to catch a local football game this season. Buy a raffle ticket and T-Shirt to support the team, and don't forget the hot sausage!

- Pamela Grabowski

You can get more history on the team at Clint Burton's site www.brooklineconnection.com



BROOKLINE KNIGHTS

OCTOBER 1 (Saturday) @ McGibbeny Field
 Brentwood vs. **Brookline**
 First Game 8-Under Kick-off at 9:00AM

OCTOBER 9 (Sunday) @ Baldwin High School
Brookline vs. Baldwin
 8-Under Game Only Kick-off at 12:00PM

OCTOBER 9 (Saturday) @ Ross Elementary
 13-Under **Brookline** vs. North Hills at 4:00PM

OCTOBER 15 (Saturday) @ Montour High School
Brookline vs. Montour
 8-Under Game Only Kick-off at 9:00AM
Brookline vs. Thomas-Jefferson
 13-Under Game Kick-off at TBA

OCTOBER 23 (Sunday) @ TBA
Brookline vs. West Allegheny
 13-Under Game Only Kick-off at 4:00PM

Complete schedule at www.brooklineconnection.com.

2011 Regular Season Records

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THIS MONTH

October 10 Monday

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

October 11 Tuesday

Brookline Block Watch 7:00PM at **Magistrate Jim Motznik's office** 736 Brookline Blvd. **PLEASE NOTE: Due to Election Day conflict the November meeting will be held on the FIRST Tuesday, November 1.**

October 21 Monday

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

October 22 Saturday

Brookline's Fall Clean-up 10:00AM to 2:30PM. Meet at **Cannon Coffee**, 802 Brookline Blvd at 10:00AM

October 27 Saturday

Halloween Parade Starts at 2:00PM at **The Cannon.**

October 28 Monday

Brookline Area Community Council 7:30PM at **St. Mark's Church** corner of Brookline Blvd. & Glenarm Ave.

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.
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 - **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**

Our nation will succeed or fail to the degree that all of us citizens and businesses alike are active participants in building strong, sustainable and enriching communities.
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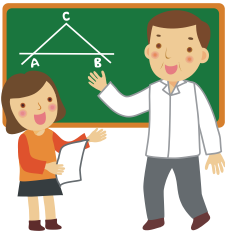
We had a great turnout for our back to school event. A good time was had by all. There were 25 baskets of prizes for our give away, and it was an excellent opportunity for the staff and parents to meet each other. We just had an assembly for our fund raiser which offered the children a chance to see a magician from America's Got Talent if they sell 5 items. We also had our ceremony to honor September 11 that received a great turnout from the neighborhood including firefighters, police, and others who serve the community. This was our opportunity to acknowledge these individuals for their hard work and dedication.

In October, we will be having an Open House on October 13. During this time, teachers will be meeting with parents and the PTO will be holding a bake sale and a vendor show. If anyone is interested in becoming a vendor contact Nicole Darden at 412-889-5747. There is a \$15 table fee. Some vendors to be included in this event are a Psychic Tarot Card Reader, Purse Party, Jewelry and Tupperware. On October 19, it'll be time for our monthly PSCC meeting that **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** is hosting for A+ Schools. We are inviting the community to attend. Schools that are invited to attend include Beechwood, Banskville, Carmalt, Brookline, Concord and Roosevelt. The theme is "What do Parents Want to Know about Pittsburgh Public Schools?" On October 28, we will be having a pumpkin patch, a Halloween Parade, and a dance in the evening for the 4th and 5th graders. It promises to be a great day for all.

With October events coming to a close, we are preparing for our November activities. Stay tuned to see what else is happening. Remember **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** is Where Learners Excel and Characters Count.

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

MOVING INTO OCTOBER AT BROOKLINE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



With September behind us, students at **BRC** are on the move, in more ways than one!

Our Preschool and Kindergarten students will take their annual trip to Mrs. B's Farm in Elizabeth, PA. Students, parents and teachers share in educational programs on farming, bees & honey as well as growing apples and pumpkins.

Seventh & Eighth graders will participate in the Kickoff for National History Day. They will travel to Heinz History Center for presentations on using Primary Sources and an opportunity to visit the History Center archives as well as some special exhibits.

Our middle school science students are also on the move—outside to the Pitt Mobile Lab.

The Mobile Lab is a self-contained traveling laboratory that allows students to use current, high-end equipment to perform laboratory investigations. The lab is part of a very active K-12 science education outreach effort sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh Department of Biological Sciences. Students and their teachers are invited to roll up their sleeves and work one on one with real scientists doing real science. One of the investigations will involve DNA extraction of strawberries! The Mobile Lab will be in the parking lot at the end of October.

And speaking of Science, **Zach Esch, Laina Wilson, Juliana Gahr** and **Sam DeLancey** followed through with last year's third grade planting contest and moved into the next level of the Bonnie's Cabbage Plant Contest. As third graders, the students planted and grew cabbages. The cabbages ranged in weight from one to thirteen pounds! Their photos were submitted to the contest coordinators for inclusion in the winners raffle. Maybe we have some future farmers at **BRC!**

-Amy Majetic, Kindergarten Teacher
-Janet Salley Rakoczy, Principal



COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

I have always considered one of my top responsibilities as your City Councilwoman is to be available, accessible, and ready to help you navigate any issue you have with city government. To this end, you can always reach me or my staff in a variety of ways. First and foremost, you can call my office at (412) 255-2131 or you send us feedback online http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/district4/html/district_4_feedback.html at any time. I am also active on Facebook and Twitter, at <http://twitter.com/nataliarudiak>, and I am always communicating with Pittsburghers from all over about the great

neighbors we have in south Pittsburgh and the wonderful assets we have to offer.

But another important way to stay in touch with me is to sign up for our monthly e-newsletter. Every month we send electronic updates about important happenings on Grant Street, events going on in South Pittsburgh, and resources the city offers to residents through a variety of programs and services. To sign up, e-mail our constituent services manager **Ashleigh Deemer** at Ashleigh.Deemer@city.pittsburgh.pa.us or call us at (412) 255-2131.

Just last month we featured information about a new block watch that was recently started in the district, a report on the recent city-wide public safety meeting, volunteer opportunities in South Pittsburgh, and information on upcoming events like Brookline Fall Clean-Up and the opening of the Beechview IGA. We work hard to bring you the most useful and up-to-date information we can, and we hope that you will sign up to help stay informed!

Please don't hesitate to contact my office about any issue at (412) 255-2131. We are always willing to work with you to make south Pittsburgh a better place to live and work.



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BROOKLINE - KEEPING IT CLEAN



As you may know, for the past few years **South Pittsburgh Development Corp.** has partnered with the University of Pittsburgh's "Make a Difference Day" to have Pitt students help in Brookline's Fall Clean-up.

This year the event will be **Saturday, October 22** from **10:00am to 2:30pm**. We will meet at **Cannon Coffee**, 802 Brookline Blvd at 10:00am. There will be complimentary coffee and snacks available for volunteers.

We have had great success with this partnership. Pitt sends us forty students by bus, we provide the team leaders and direction to harness all that youthful enthusiasm.

We need about 6 to 8 people (or more if people would like to help) to act as team captains for this event. You will help supervise students at various litter trouble points. If you are interested in helping please contact me as soon as possible. We greatly appreciate your interest in your community!

-Yours in litter pickin', **Keith E. Knecht**

Keith organizes and directs the annual Earth Day Redd-up event in April. In May he does a mini clean-up so Brookline shines for the Memorial Day Parade. Before the Brookline Breeze Fest in August, we were privy to the following email exchange.

From **Keith Knecht**:

I went for a walk last night along the boulevard towards Brookline Park. To be perfectly blunt, there was a lot of disgusting litter. I was going to make the suggestion that we get a few people Friday night to at least pick up the large stuff before the Brookline Breeze on Saturday. However, Eileen beat me to the suggestion.

Since it's critically important that our main street look its best for a special event, I'm going to collect garbage along the lower portion and business district after work Friday. If anyone would like to help, please shoot me an email back so I can bring extra trash bags based on how many volunteers. If we have 3 to 4 volunteers it would take about an hour to get the heavy litter picked up.

From **Eileen Papale**:

I agree-this event showcases our neighborhood, not just to Brookliners, but to all our guests from the surrounding communities and beyond. If our curb appeal is low, it makes an unfavorable impression to all.

I went out last night and picked up between Whited Street and the Canon [Cannon]. Two full sized bags and several recycling bags

From **Eileen Papale**:

*I cleaned between Whited Street and the **Community Center** last night, so everything should be OK between the Canon [Cannon] and the **Community Center**.*

It is critical that we continue to keep Brookline clean, and litter is a huge turn-off to potential home buyers and present residents (attract and hold)

Picking up litter may seem insignificant, but we have to fight to keep Brookline the great neighborhood that it is. Volunteers are needed on a continual basis to pick up--nothing formal--just get a bag when you are taking a stroll and do a block or two! Go Boris! [Shadyside resident Boris Weinstein is the founder of the Citizens Against Litter Campaign.]

From **Boris Weinstein**

Hi all from Shadyside.

You might know me through Citizens Against Litter. Like you I pick up litter all the time in Shadyside. But I want you to know that the e-mails I received from Keith and Eileen motivated me to be on the streets for about 2 hours three times this week...and the week isn't over yet.

There's a lot of us out there. But you guys in Brookline set a great example for all the neighborhoods.

It would be great if everyone threw their trash in the garbage can, but they don't, and it is unfair that a few have to pick up after others. If we don't pick up the litter, like a contagion, it will spread. Litter breeds more litter. Eventually responsible homeowners and renters move out leaving behind the owners and renters who don't care. And there goes the neighborhood!

This is our neighborhood, our community, and we have to fight to keep it clean. Don't put those gardening gloves away this season. Leave them by the door with a supply of bags. Go for a walk. We could all use a daily walk. Bring your bag and gloves and collect litter. I filled a plastic grocery bag walking the twelve blocks to my home from the Boulevard last week. Let us co-opt the Marines' motto. "The Few. The Proud. The Brookline Redd-Up Crew."

-Pamela Grabowski



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I'm happy to announce that there are several opportunities for you to roll up your sleeves and volunteer this fall. Through Love Your Block, one of my servePGH initiatives, 11 neighborhoods are currently engaging volunteers to work hand-in-hand with City departments to revitalize their blocks. Projects include community gardens, public art installation, veterans' memorial rehab, playground cleanups, and vacant lot remediation. Throughout September and October, you are invited to the Love Your Block volunteer events and community celebrations that take place across the City. For a complete calendar of activities, visit pittsburghpa.gov/servepgh/loveyourblock/getinvolved

Also, mark your calendar for the annual Redd Up Weekend, October 21-23. Approximately 10,000 volunteers will hit the streets to clean Pittsburgh's 90 neighborhoods. Groups and individuals interested in participating should contact Citizens Against Litter at boris.weinstein@verizon.net or 412-688-9120. In late October, I will also launch Redd Up Zone, a servePGH initiative to engage volunteers to clean streets and reduce blight. Check the servePGH website soon to learn more about how to get involved.

Finally, it is important to support and encourage the great leaders that inspire us all. That is why I have launched **Mayor Luke Ravenstahl's Citizen Service Award**, which recognizes community leaders who have contributed exceptional levels of service toward the advancement of Pittsburgh communities. You can nominate yourself or other community members by filling out the online submission form at www.pittsburghpa.gov/servepgh/csa

For more information, email servepgh@city.pittsburgh.pa.us or call 412-255-4765.

There are opportunities for everybody to make our City a better place. Choose just one and you'll enrich the lives of your neighbors, as well as your own. Join me in serving our City today.

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl
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