

## Letter from the Editor

Merry Christmas

We stumbled upon this item at [www.searchamelia.com](http://www.searchamelia.com) this week. "We must all understand how to measure true wealth. Not so much by what is on a balance sheet or money market account statement, but by the wealth we have in our friends, the family we love and those that will be there for us when we reach bottom." That's our definition of true wealth because we are never going to have a balance sheet or money market account statement that puts us in the 1%. We are firmly planted with the 99%; we bet you are, too.

To our readers, our advertisers and everyone who supports us in this endeavor, we wish you a Happy Holiday Season filled with the abundant wealth that comes from the love of family and caring friends. Please share some of that wealth with others in our community.



## ZIPPY'S SALOON

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Walk into **Zippy's** and you'll be greeted with the warmth and charm you can only find in Brookline. **Ron "Zippy" Zeppieri**, the owner of the saloon, is as genuine as the homemade wedding soup. A former mechanic for US Air, Zeppieri realized his dream of owning his own saloon six years ago. He bought the former Kenny's Place pub at 542 Brookline Boulevard and started rehabbing. After ten months of hard work, **Zippy's** was open.

At **Zippy's** you'll find friendly faces in a comfortable atmosphere furnished with Pittsburgh sports memorabilia. Zeppieri designed the saloon as a throwback to the comfort of the 1950s neighborhood saloon. The selection of domestic beer both on tap and in the fridge is plentiful. Homemade recipes grace the menu and daily specials board.

"Everybody has a gimmick. We don't. We have delicious homemade food and that's how we get by," said Zeppieri. "All the recipes are my grandma's, my mom's mom. My mom is 80 years old and still helps out in the kitchen."

Sixty-five years ago **Mrs. Zeppieri**, an Italian immigrant, married an Italian man who fell in love with her picture, brought back to him by his brother. A long distance courtship through the mail led to a wedding in Italy when **Mrs. Zeppieri** was 15. The new couple moved to Pittsburgh where they settled and raised a family.

In fact **Zippy's** is like one big family. Zeppieri's three daughters also work at the saloon and the other employees might as well be related. **Candace Kirby** and **Teresa Dallas** retort with Zippy as if they are one of his own. Patrons all feel like they are welcomed into Zeppieri's living room. And that's why Zippy loves Brookline.

"It's definitely the people. Everybody knows everybody. And that's the way this place is. Everybody knows everybody. It's special. We have great regular clients."

"Before **Zippy's**, women wouldn't come into this place. The day I opened a bunch of ladies came in for lunch. I felt like I did what I set out to accomplish. Everyone can come in and feel comfortable here."



A fair sized menu offers appetizers like fried zucchini and potato pancakes. Fresh Mancini's bread make the hearty sandwiches delicious. Everyday a different homemade entrée is on special, like stuffed cabbage and mashed potatoes, ziti with meatballs or hot roast beef sandwiches. Homemade soups, wedding, ham and pea, chili, and pasta fagioli are available daily. And let's not forget the wings. Sauces like BBQ, garlic parmesan, and the special **Zippy's** sauce provide a finger-licking delight.

Come and be entertained by a DJ or karaoke on Friday nights or by local blues musicians on Saturday nights. Play darts or watch your favorite Pittsburgh sporting games on any of the five television sets. Find them on Facebook at **Zippy's Saloon**


-Megan Stearman  
-Photos by Catia Fath



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# FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER

## A FEAST OF CHRIST ON HIS DAY



The Brookline Ministerium is sponsoring their annual Christmas Dinner on December 25 at the Church of the Advent, 3010 Pioneer Avenue. Don't spend Christmas alone. Join us for a home-cooked meal, music and friendship. You can eat-in, take-out or have a meal delivered.

Dinner served from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

For delivery call 412-561-4520 or 412-831-9559

The Brookline Ministerium includes Church of the Advent, Brookline Boulevard United Presbyterian Church, St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Church of the Resurrection, St. Pius X, Pittsburgh Baptist Church, Our Lady of Loreto and True Vine Ministries.

### BROOKLINE + PITT = A CLEAN BOULEVARD

We had a fantastic day on Saturday, October 22! Sixteen "Pitt Make a Difference Day" students and 12 South Pittsburgh Development Corporation volunteers met at Cannon Coffee. While we went over safety rules and gave out supplies, participants enjoyed donuts provided by Brookline's Party Cake Bakery and a cup of the best coffee in Pittsburgh. We then proceeded to clean five different trouble sites and collected 55 tall kitchen bags of trash and some assorted junk. The bed of the two-ton pick-up was packed full. The weather was warm, the volunteers were hard working and everything looked great afterward.

*-Keith Knecht*



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## SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

The holidays are quickly approaching. While many of us are thinking about ways to give thanks and looking forward to the celebrations, many in our community are in need. If you have the ability to do so, there are plenty of opportunities to donate or volunteer for a worthy cause. If you are in need, or know someone who is in need, do not be afraid to ask for assistance. There are numerous programs available to help.

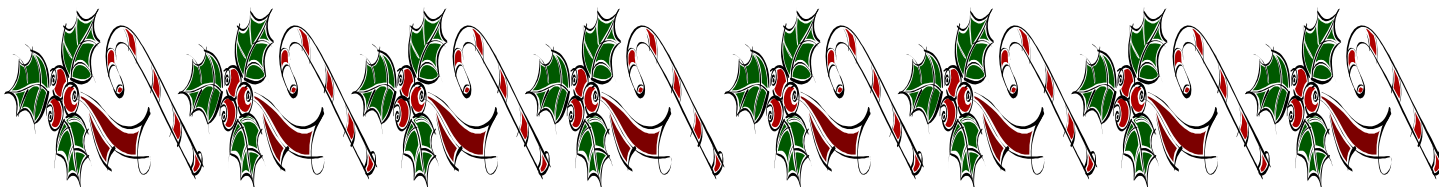
Pennsylvania's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program helps residents pay their heating bills. The program provides both cash and crisis grants based on income guidelines. Cash grants are sent directly to your utility company. You can apply online at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us), or pick up an application at my district office (932 Brookline Boulevard). Crisis grants are available to those in danger of being without heat by calling the Allegheny County Department of Human Services at 1-800-851-3838.

The United Way of Allegheny County has trained information specialists available to connect you with dozens of health and human service programs in the area. All you have to do is call 412-255-1155. Whether you need food immediately, are looking for housing assistance, or need help caring for an elderly parent, the United Way HelpLine is an excellent resource.

The Salvation Army of Western Pennsylvania's Holiday Assistance program provides children and individuals with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, winter coats, clothing, and gifts. Call the Salvation Army at 412-446-1500 for more information.

The Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank is also busy accepting donations and helping the needy. You can make a difference with a contribution to the annual KDKA Turkey Fund. PNC Bank will match donations of \$50 or more at any of its bank branches. You may also call 1-877-411-2207 to donate.

It's important that we all work together to prevent an emergency. If you need help, ask. If you are fortunate enough to be able to donate, give what you can. As always, do not hesitate to contact my office at 412-344-2551 for additional information on community resources.



### BROOKLINE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Status Report as of October 31, 2011

Site Investigations: All tasks complete

Preliminary design: All tasks complete

Final Design:

Received approval from the City for the geometric improvements at intersection of Brookline Boulevard/Pioneer Avenue

Finalized proposed lighting layout

Finalized the right-of-way plan

November 2011

Final Design

Conduct utility coordination meetings with Equitable Gas and Comcast

Submit right-of-way plan to City and Maguire for review

Attend a right-of-way plan check with PennDot

Update the design schedule to reflect the new let date

Continue to progress with Final Design Tasks...final roadway plan, final traffic control plan, streetscape plan, final utility coordination

You can see the progress yourself by visiting the website [Pittsburghfederalprojects.com](http://Pittsburghfederalprojects.com)

*-Lois McCafferty*

***[Editor's Note: Mark your calendar for the community meeting to be held in February or March 2012. This community has waited too long, and Lois has worked too hard to allow this project to fall by the wayside. Plan to attend and bring a neighbor. We need to show those in charge of this project that we are watching!]***



## REPRESENTATIVE CHELSA WAGNER

My legislation that would end the common practice of landlords claiming a portion of a senior or disabled tenant's Property Tax/Rent Rebate was unanimously reported out of the House Urban Affairs Committee on November 2.

Many personal care homes include a lease provision which allows them to claim a portion of the rebate designated for a tenant, typically 50 percent or \$325. This is often overlooked or not understood by tenants or their family members. The lease agreement provided to personal care homes by the state Department of Public Welfare actually includes boilerplate language claiming the rebate for landlords.

Seniors and disabled residents of our Commonwealth are faced with difficult economic times on a fixed income, and it is our responsibility to do all that we can to protect their economic security.

After identifying numerous cases of this practice in Allegheny County and investigating its legality, I confirmed that this is a statewide problem requiring legislation.

This practice represents a misallocation of state resources for an unintended purpose. Care home residents continue to face daily personal expenses which are becoming tougher to meet. My bill would prevent this abuse of one of our most-utilized state programs.

I am urging the House to act immediately so that H.B. 415 may be signed by the Governor before the end of the year. We should not tolerate another year of this benefit being abused and taken from our most vulnerable citizens.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with permanent disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 for homeowners and \$15,000 for renters (excluding half of Social Security income). Those eligible may apply for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid during 2010 until December 31. Please visit my office at 900 Brookline Blvd. for an application or assistance with completing it. Rebate applications for property taxes or rent paid during 2011 are expected to be available in February.



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# JOANNE'S CORNER

*Things that aren't here anymore - Part 33*

I was pleased to read recently the article in the PG (<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11292/1183060-437-0.stm>) about **Bob Daley** and the Brookline Art Studio. The building across from Cannon Park has been a fixture in the community since the 40s and 50s. It was previously known as the **Parkside Grill** run by **Agnes Daley** and her husband Bob, parents of Bob. It was a popular gathering spot for teens. Always known as a good, friendly place. My memories of the Parkside include "**Bobby**" Daley as a little tot coming into the grill with his nanny, Mary. The Daley family lived upstairs so Bobby was around quite often. The Brookline 50s picnic that is held now is a spin off of those happy days. Congratulations to **Bob Daley**. I'm sure parents Bob and Agnes would be very proud.

-Joanne Fantoni

**QUESTION OF THE MONTH:** Do you remember the well-known Brookline family who lived next to the **Parkside Grill**?

## HALLOWEEN WINNERS



- Scariest - Leo McGlynn 1st
- Billy Altman 2nd
- Will Hatfield 3rd
- Tiffany Zinn 4th

- Group - Drew, Lew, Gus 1st
- Hudson, Dana, Grant Palkley 2nd
- Mya, Amy 3rd
- Joey Bruno & Jordan McMinn 4th

- Original - Kingston Cox 1st
- Nico Giampa 2nd
- Marisa Wolff 3rd
- Aiden Buettner 4th

- Cute - Noah Feth 1st
- Mikala 2nd
- Anthony 3rd
- Tyler Feth 4th



# COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

Meteorologists are predicting a cold and snowy winter for much of the northeast this year, and it looks like Pittsburgh may not be spared. As we begin the new year, it's important to know who to call for service, and what you can do to help your neighbors in the event of a major snowfall.

As always, my office is at-the-ready to field your calls and work to make sure that South Pittsburgh is getting the attention it deserves. We work closely with the Department of Public Works and the men and women who work at the City's 311 office to make sure all of your issues are being addressed. If you have any problems getting your street plowed or salted, please do not hesitate to call my office at (412) 255-2131, and we will be able to assist you.

When the snow does start falling, it's important to know how the City prepares for and responds to your plowing and salting needs. In the first 24 hours after a "snow emergency" begins, the City sends out its plow trucks to clear the roads, starting with major thoroughfares. After that, Public Works begins responding to service calls for specific streets, publicly owned sidewalks, and intersections. Finally, once the snow has melted, Public Works sends out paving crews to repair the sizeable potholes that develop from the freezing and thawing in the roadways.

As neighbors, we also have the responsibility to care for each other. City residents and business owners are responsible for clearing paved sidewalks on their property within 24 hours after snowfall, regardless of whether they are a tenant or property owner. When the sidewalks aren't shoveled, school children, seniors, and persons with limited mobility tend to walk in the street instead - a situation that endangers lives.

Finally, if the forecast calls for major snowfall, check in with any neighbors you have who are elderly or who have special needs. We have a responsibility to look out for our fellow Pittsburghers, and a five minute visit to make sure someone has access to prescription medication, food, water, and heat can save lives.

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# WHEN YOU REALIZE...

The Holiday season is upon us. It's December, and it's time to start gearing up for our holiday plans. If you're like me, you'll have to decide who in the family is hosting the "Family Dinner" where you'll have the opportunity to see cousins you haven't seen since last Christmas. I'm 30 years old, and I moved away from home 12 years ago, so my Christmas morning isn't what it used to be. Excitement to see what's there, what's changed, and to feel the warmth of a fireplace has replaced the excitement of trying to cut the zip-ties that held the \$4 dollar toy in its cardboard skid. By no means were we wealthy, but I wouldn't say that we were poor either. I feel that my upbringing was pretty common for most kids.

What I realized later in life is that my mother never asked my grandma for money in tough times, but she would ask her to buy us groceries. Groceries, like off the shelf, everyday groceries to feed me. ME. My step-dad wasn't in the picture yet. We never hosted the big "Family Dinner" for the holidays; we always went somewhere else, but I never knew why. I spent a good part of my life asking for things that shouldn't have been asked for from a mother that spent her time working two jobs. One job was with the hardware store up the street because the guy that owned the hardware store also owned the house I grew up in. My mother would wake up and get us ready for school and drive 45 minutes to work. I'd get off school and go hang out with the neighbor kid and wait for my mom to get home. Then she'd show up around 5:00 pm to work at the hardware store. That was fine with me. I went over with her and helped her with the register. The owner of the store let me put a gumball machine on the counter. Every day, I'd go in and see how much money was in the machine. I never made any money selling stale gumballs, but it's something that I remember. I wouldn't give up one single memory. Reality is, my mother is my hero, and I hope to replicate every bit of passion she had when she was 30 years old and raising me.

**The Brookline Christian Food Pantry** serves over 180 families within OUR community. Did you know that? I just think it's something that resembles a part of my life. It's something that you know exists, but until you really become aware of it, you never really knew. I have never been in my mom's position in which simple groceries were difficult to afford. The churches of our community have come together to fill this need to our community. Two of the biggest seasons of need are what I've always known as just the holiday season, but, unfortunately, not every family has that luxury. The November food pick-up ran the shelves dry for the first time in years meaning that there are many families who were unable to even consider their big "family dinner." This month, on Saturday, December 10, another line of families in need will line up on Chelton Avenue to grab a much needed bag of groceries. How can we ensure that these families will be able to celebrate their biggest holiday meal the way that every family should? That is my question for you.

And so, here are my final thoughts - how can I be a part of the solution? How can I help? Well, I'm hosting a donation drive at **Cannon Coffee** (802 Brookline Boulevard) to raise money for the food bank. That will help to fill the shelves of OUR community food bank. Money will help fill the shelves with the needed items to complete a Christmas Dinner for a family. Wanna help? Volunteers are always needed for this program. Want to make a donation? You can send a check to **Brookline Christian Food Pantry** at 1036 Brookline Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15226, or call 412-344-8451 and show up to help. I'll be there on December 10 with bells on and hopefully a really big community donation. Wanna help?

*-Nathan Mallory*

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## BEAUTY AND FASHION GLAM

Hello and welcome to the new column for **The Brookline!** The holidays are here and it's time to get your glitz on!! GLAMOUR, GLITZ and GLOW!! Why not? It's the perfect time of year to step out of the box. As we approach the season of sparkle and glitter it is a time for you to shine. Become that fashionista and have fun with it!!

So you ask - how do I be this glam girl of the season? Every style is defined by the individual. We all have a different look that defines us, that makes us unique. You need to find the inner beauty in you! Are you classic? Chic? Trendy? Whatever you are be you, and that will make you a Fashionista!! If you are classic, add a little glitz. If you are chic, add a little glamour. Just a touch of bling will give you that sparkle!!

A little goes a long way. Wear a red pump with that leopard skirt, knee high boots with those leggings. Maybe your hair would look beautiful with some bouncy curls, or very elegant with that side bun you have wanted to do. Do it! Step out in style!!!

Make up trends. Smokey eyes are always a hit. Shake it up a little with some plum and berry colors - perfect for the season. Need a lip color? Holiday kisses collection from Fluhme is so glam and high gloss in berry and bronze!! Glitz and glam eyeliner, make those eyes POP!! And don't forget the shellac! The polish that doesn't chip!!

Metallics and black, so hottt...create a perfect dazzle outfit for that party...a cute gold dress paired up with a black belt...and add that black pump. Oh and don't forget that faux leather clutch!!

Guilt free shopping ....you don't need to spend a fortune on all these ideas, mix and match, find some items right in your closet!!

So have a plan, get going with that new you!!! Whatever look you are trying to achieve remember be yourself....and feel beautiful inside and out!

Glamour, glitz and glow for the holidays!!!

Until next time...live your dreams!

*-Jacqueline Capatolla, Jacqueline's Salon*

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## BROOKLINE BLOCK WATCH

In the early 80s the late **Tom Moore** and **Officer Marty Marinack**, community oriented police officer, involved **Senior Judge Charles McLaughlin** in the formation of **Block Watch**. The current **Brookline Block Watch** group has been meeting on the second Tuesday of each month since October 1992 under the leadership of **Mary Anne Miller** and **Bill Feineigle** and **Judge McLaughlin**. Although **Judge McLaughlin** spends most of his time away he still loves the organization he helped to shape.

**Block Watch** is made up of concerned neighbors who want to help keep Brookline a safe community to live and work. Remember the old days - there was a "neb nose" in every neighborhood who knew everything about everyone? We need them back, so look out your window, look out your door and know who should or should not be in your neighborhood. Be aware and get involved in your own safety.

Each month the Zone 6 Police Commander and a Police Officer attend the meeting to talk about current crime problems and what the residents should watch for. They attend to take complaints and to inform the group about individual police matters. The Commander also emails weekly crime reports.

Complaints regarding building/property violations are taken at the monthly meetings along with information regarding abandoned cars. This information is passed on to the appropriate agencies by **Mary Anne Miller**.

**Block Watch** meetings are open to all Brookline residents who are willing to help keep our community safe and peaceful. There are no dues. **Block Watch** supports itself by a 50-50 held monthly. We invite you to attend on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at **District Justice Jim Motznik's** office - 736 Brookline Blvd.

*-Mary Anne Miller*



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**MEMORIES FOR THE FUTURE** are prepared for sealing within the cornerstone of Our Lady of Loreto School in Brookline by Joyce Toohey, 9, and Father Arthur L. Garbin, pastor. Officiating at yesterday's ceremonies was Msgr. Carl P. Hensler, pastor of St. Wendelin Parish. Msgr. Jacob C. Shinar, right, pastor of Holy Family Parish, delivered the sermon. The new building will contain 15 classrooms, a library, offices and a hall for use as a temporary church. The parish was started in 1959 and has 750 families.

### THE WINNER OF THE SPDC HALLOWEEN RAFFLE WAS STAN BUREK



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## THIS MONTH

### December 13 Tuesday

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

### December 19

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



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- 60-Day Driver's License Suspension **AND**
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- When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- You **MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.
- You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
- **DO NOT MOVE** until all the children have reached a place of safety.

## BROOKLINE RECREATION CENTER

### Weight Room and Fitness Center

Our new FREE weight room and fitness center includes an assortment of weight-lifting and cardio workout equipment. Ages 16-up are welcome. 16-17 year olds must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Hours: Mon-Fri 1:15-8:45pm; Sat 10:15am-3:45pm. Registration Required.

### Boxing Fundamentals

Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00pm. All participants must supply their own hand wraps and work-out clothing. This program is affiliated with the Pittsburgh Boxing Club. If you wish to join the club for further training, the cost is \$50/year. Fee is paid to the club. Ages 8-up are welcome.

### Futsal Fundamentals

Thursdays from 6:00-8:00pm. Futsal is a new and fast-growing variant of indoor soccer. Learn Futsal fundamentals with our trained instructor. Boys and Girls ages 7-18 welcome. FREE.

### Yoga

Tuesdays from 6:15-7:30pm. Trained Instructor. Ongoing enrollment. Ages 18-over. Cost: \$50 per six-week session. Fee paid to instructor. Pro-rated for new enrollees.

### Kindersports/Storytime

Wednesdays from 11:00-12:30pm. Ages 0-5 welcome. FREE.

### Martial Arts

Mondays from 6:00-8:45pm. Boys and Girls ages 10-up. Learn Tae Kwon Do fundamentals. Trained Instructor. Cost: \$15/year.

### Body Sculpting

Mondays and Thursdays from 6:15-7:30pm. Trained Instructor. Ongoing enrollment. Ages 18-over. Cost: \$30 per five-week session. Fee paid to the instructor. Pro-rated for new enrollees.

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



## PUB CRAWL HAILED A SUCCESS!

If you made it out for the first run of "Because You're Mine, I Walk the Line" Pub Crawl, we started our evening at the **Moonlite Café**. We had 75 name tags in hand for participants to come up with their new name for the night. We hung out there for the first hour then made our way to **Zippy's**. That's where we ran out of name tags. All together, Brookline Boulevard had 91 people with 5 bars conquered. My evening ended at the **Boulevard Lounge** where we danced our night away. **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** looks forward to hosting this event every year. The bars seemed to be happy with the results, and the people who participated enjoyed themselves. So why not keep doing it?

-Nathan Mallory



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## University of Pittsburgh's Bio Bus Visits Brookline Regional Catholic

The University of Pittsburgh's Bio Bus visited **Brookline Regional Catholic** on October 27 and 28 bringing the latest biology equipment and experiments to the 6th, 7th and 8th graders for hands on lab work. This 18 wheeler traveling lab is Pitt's latest and greatest science education roving lab that brings anything involving science/biology right to Western Pennsylvania middle schools and high schools.

**Julia Vrabel**, a 6th grade student at **BRC** thought it would be a great idea to have the lab come to her school. Along with her science teacher **Mrs. Mary Babcock**, she contacted the Pitt Bio Department. They were approved to have the Bus come to their school for a 2-day science field trip.

It is a huge achievement for the school and students to have this opportunity to participate in this program whose focus is to make science and biology fun, exciting and interesting enough for elementary students and give them the incentive to continue in this field of study in college.

-Angela Vrabel



"...my favorite part was using the micropipetters."

**Kaylee Russman** Grade 6

"...We used test tubes to separate the strawberry juice...to identify the DNA strands."

**Julia Vrabel** Grade 6

" I think..**Dr. Asham** and **Dr. Becky** taught us alot. We learned how to break down a cell membrane and watch the DNA swirl through."

**Michael Allen** Grade 6



"I would highly recommend this to anyone who likes science"

**Zachary Folino** Grade 6

-**Janet Salley Rakoczy**



## Call for Volunteers

- **FOREVER HOME BEAGLE RESCUE** call 412-304-4034 or [BeagleHQ@msn.com](mailto: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**

**Volunteering is good for the heart and the soul.**

-**Steve Allen**

# Salvation Army's Worship and Service Center Opens



After more than five years of intense research and planning, The Salvation Army's Pittsburgh Temple Corps Worship and Service Center moved into its new home. Previously located in the former downtown Pittsburgh's Divisional Headquarters building, the new facility is now at 1060 McNeilly Road in Mt. Lebanon. The public was invited to share in the dedication services on Sunday, October 2.

The relocation of the Pittsburgh Temple, to the new location at McNeilly Road provides the opportunity for a wide variety of ministries and social services that meet the social, educational, emotional, physical and spiritual needs of a much greater population. Because of the proximity to schools, nursing homes and many community groups, collaboration of some youth, senior and music programming have already begun. One of the facility's primary goals is to work together to enhance leadership forces, outreach effectiveness and memberships. Programs and services to be offered include Sunday School and worship; character building programs for children, youth, adults and families; Bible studies; music programs; Bible Bowl, senior citizen services; and other current youth and adult ministries and human services support will be provided for those needing a food pantry and other needs.

The handicap-accessible facility encompasses 28,000 square feet and provides a 200 seat chapel, gymnasium, nursery, computer center, class rooms, dining room with full kitchen, a playground, and an all-ages fitness center, partially funded by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"My wife, Jan, and I have already been welcomed with open and loving arms," said **Major Tim Duperree**, Pittsburgh Temple Corps Worship and Service Center Commanding Officer. "We are excited to extend a heartfelt invitation and share this beautiful facility with our neighbors and volunteers are always welcome."

Gym membership fees range from \$35 a month for individuals and \$750 a year for families. The Salvation Army would like athletic groups and fitness instructors in the community to contact them about bringing their programs to the facility. However, there is a fee for the rental of the facility for gym usage. Interested groups should contact **Syreeta Gordon** at <mailto:Syreeta.Gordon@USE.SalvationArmy.Org> or (412) 207-2127.

-From the *Salvation Army*  
Press Release & *Syreeta Gordon*

**SEASON'S GREETING FROM THE  
BROOKLINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING**

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**IT'S THE SEASON. PLEASE CLEAN YOUR SIDEWALK!**  
**CALL 311 TO REPORT THE LOCATION OF SIDEWALKS NOT SHOVELED.**  
**Seniors who need help shoveling can contact the Interfaith Volunteer**  
**Caregivers of Southwestern PA at 412-345-7420 or email them at**  
[\*\*IVC@fswp.org\*\*](mailto:IVC@fswp.org)  
**CUT THIS OUT AND PUT IT BY YOUR TELEPHONE!**

# 2011 PITTSBURGH SUPER PLUNGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Hello,

My name is Commander Scott Schubert of the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police. As a co-chair of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics I'm committed to raising awareness and funds for the wonderful and amazing athletes who participate in Special Olympics.

I need your help! As a Super Plunger, I've agreed to raise a minimum of \$3,500 for Special Olympics and jump into the river every hour for 24 hours straight. Giving up 24 hours of my life and jumping into the cold water 24 times is well worth it when I think of the commitment, determination and joy the amazing athletes feel when they participate in various Special Olympic events. I'm confident their smiles will keep me warm on that cold December day.

Any assistance or support you can provide is greatly appreciated. Please go to [www.plungepa.org](http://www.plungepa.org) and click Sponsor Super Plunger located under the Pittsburgh Plunge. This will redirect sponsors to the Super Plunge page. Click on my name or type my name.

**I'm thrilled to inform all of my donors that a kind and generous individual who wishes to remain anonymous pledged to match all of my donations dollar for dollar.**



**Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> noon to noon!**  
**Location: North Shore at PNC Park.**



## COMMUNITY CRIMES ZONE 6

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](mailto:mnp.grabowski@verizon.net), please put "Crime Report" in the subject line.

### OCTOBER

<u>CRIMES ZONE 6</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Brookline</u>
Rape	1	1
Aggravated Assault	7	0
Robbery	6	1
Burglary	25	4
Theft	32	5
Theft from Vehicle	20	4
Stolen Vehicle	5	0



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## What's Going On At Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5?

Warm season's greetings to one and all. It's hard to believe December is here already. The hustle and bustle of shopping has begun. **Pittsburgh West Liberty** will be having our annual winter concert on December 14, 2011. **Mr. William McCafferty's** instrumental classes will be performing, and **Mr. David Foley's** vocal music classes will be singing. There will be a concert for the parents at 10:00 in the morning.

During this time of year we like to reflect and be thankful for those who are so giving to us. We have some special students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade who give up their recess 2 days a week and tutor our children in the primary grades. We also have our 5<sup>th</sup> grade safety patrol. These students volunteer to assist teachers with students in the primary grades to make sure that all goes well during transition times in our school. We are indebted to these students for their services.

This month we are also having our Sparkle Shop during the week of December 5-9. The children have fun buying presents for their loved ones. They will begin the week by taking family photos on Monday, December 5 from 5:00-8:00. Special thanks to all the parents and the PTO who helped make this possible for the children.

Our school also had a fund raiser during the months of October and November. Since we reached our fund raising goal, the whole school enjoyed a presentation from magician Rick Smith Jr. (from America's Got Talent). Top sellers enjoyed a limousine ride and lunch at our local Pizza Hut.

On Saturday, November 19 several staff members from **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** will be attending a special reception to receive the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Greening Award 2011 for our outdoor classroom and garden. The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy will be hosting the affair at their office at the Waterfront in Homestead, PA. We are very proud to have this honor. We are starting to make plans for the upcoming spring.

Speaking of upcoming plans, our Dancing Classrooms are continuing to rehearse for this year's Colors of the Rainbow Dance competition which will be on January 7, 2012 at 10:00 at Pittsburgh Allderdice in Squirrel Hill.

That's all for now. Bundle up, stay warm and enjoy the holidays. Remember **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** is the place "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."

-Kathy Moran, Principal

-Teresa Grusong-Adams, First Grade Teacher

# TO ALL OUR READERS, WE WISH YOU A



# Mayor Ravenstahl's Monthly Message for December

Dear Neighbors,

As the days become shorter and the temperatures continue to drop, it is clear that winter is fast approaching. There are many joys that come along with the winter season - the holidays and the excitement of the first snow – yet winter can also be one of the most difficult times for many Pittsburgh residents. It is a time when our City’s culture of neighbors-helping-neighbors is most important to assist residents to overcome its hardships and enjoy the best that winter in our City has to offer.

Snow removal can be one of the most challenging aspects of winter and snow covered sidewalks can be hazardous for everyone. With Snow Angels, I aim to make snow removal less daunting for our elderly and physically-disabled residents. Along with fostering stronger community relationships, and relieving the elderly of the stress that comes from a snow storm, the Snow Angels initiative will also make our sidewalks safer for those who continue to serve despite the winter weather – such as postal service workers, firemen and police officers.

With this in mind, I am proud to announce a new program, Snow Angels, which will match willing volunteers with neighbors-in-need to shovel and de-ice their walks this winter season. The Snow Angels program will be launching this November. For applications to volunteer or receive assistance, please visit [snowangels.pittsburghpa.gov](http://snowangels.pittsburghpa.gov).

Snow Angels is one of my signature servePGH programs, which promote citizen service to impact local challenges. For more information, email [servepgh@city.pittsburgh.pa.us](mailto:servepgh@city.pittsburgh.pa.us) or call the 311 hotline and ask about the program. If you are calling from outside the City of Pittsburgh, please call 412-255-2621.

Thank you to the countless Snow Angels who *already* assist their neighbors with snow removal. I appreciate the precedent that you have set for local residents, and I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to join a Pittsburgh-wide effort to keep our sidewalks clear after winter storms and provide your neighbors with the reassurance that their community cares.

Together, we can make this winter an enjoyable season for everyone!

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl  
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh