

JO'S SALON

526 Brookline Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15226
412-343-7666
Tue.- Sat. 8:30AM to 6:00PM



Earlene Jo has always wanted to do hair. But her family owned and operated **Garrubba Brothers Meat Market** since 1956. Chances are if you've been in Brookline a while, you know a **Garrubba**. There are 24 cousins still in the area.

"They were in business for 45 years. We used to live on the third floor of this building while they ran the shop. But we moved a few blocks away when my third brother came along," Jo said.

The market closed in 1990 and finally in 1999 Jo's dream became reality when she opened **Jo's Salon** in its place. She offers a full range of hair treatments from cut, color and style to shampoos and sets. Reasonable prices and an accommodating schedule keep clients coming back. And the gossip's good too.



"Ladies come here to trade news and recipes. My Thursday ladies all know one another and even have their 'own' dryer. Some might even bring a baked good to share too."

And the clients come even when it's not their time for a cut and style. Jo's serves as a neighborhood gathering spot. A place to see a friend, take a rest while running errands or trade magazines.

"People feel like they're at home here. My clients will even come in and help fold towels or whatever job needs done. They even come with their family – daughter gets color while mom's under the dryer."

Jo's been in Brookline her

whole life and doesn't plan on leaving. "I like everything about it. The people are all friendly, and we watch out for one another here. I like the direction Brookline is going. We keep improving little by little."

Jo's Salon is open Tuesday – Saturday from 8:30a.m. – 6:00 p.m. or later, depending upon appointments. And of course walk-ins (and men) are welcome. They are located at 526 Brookline Boulevard. Call them at 412-343-7666.



*-Megan Stearman
-Photo by Melissa Distel*



Letter from the Editor

If you are reading a paper copy of this month's newsletter, you can once again thank the patrons of **Kribel's Bakery**. Those dedicated readers have raised a total of \$811.05 through March 31, 2012, and they are still going strong. Make it a point to stop at **Kribel's** and thank them for their effort. Pick up a couple of jimmy sticks and a dozen icebox cookies while you're there. They are two of our favorite **Kribel** products.

The Boulevard Redd Up was another successful event. The goal now is to keep Brookline clean which we hope to achieve between our Sunday Trash Walks and the Adopt A Block Program. We encourage you to join one or both of these endeavors. It will be entirely up to the residents of Brookline to keep our community clean. There's no outside organization to help us. The Memorial Day Parade will be coming through Brookline at the end of the month and we want to show off a clean Boulevard.

Nathan Mallory of Cannon Coffee will be hosting another Bar Crawl on Saturday, May 18. Last year the bar crawl drew about 85 participants. You don't have to hit all the bars. We only made it to two bars, but we had a good time. After we split a beer at **Moonlite Café** and **Zippy's**, we stopped at **Antonio's** and split a small pizza. If you can't keep up with the "youngsters" consider joining us for two bars and a pizza. We'll meet you at **Antonio's**.

We found this on the [Daily OM](#) site last month and it spoke to us. "We all live in a community in one way or another and we all have an opportunity to make it better in some way. It's easy to get caught up in our personal lives and forget that we have an obligation to be responsible members of our communities...All holiday parades, picnics and ceremonies started somewhere, with someone who wanted to give back to the community in which they lived... Whether your offerings are visionary or practical, they are the very essence of community."

What can you offer to the community of Brookline? Is it practical like giving your time to **Meals on Wheels** or the **Christian Food Pantry**? Or is it visionary like joining a community group to organize an event? It's like a potluck supper. Everybody brings a dish to the community table. So what is your special recipe? What will you bring?

****CLASSIFIED ADS****

****ADVERTISING RATES****

Price is \$4 per month. Payment required before publication. You can submit by snail mail, phone or email. See sample ad below.

SAMPLE CLASSIFIED AD

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

Standard ads are a width of 3.75 inches. We charge by the height of the ad at \$12.00 per inch. This is an example of a one inch ad space. Remember ad graphics and artwork are free! Contact **Pamela Grabowski** 412-343-2859 or mnp.grabowski@verizon.net for more information.

We have over 1,375 readers.

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

Snail Mail: The Brookline,
PO Box 96136, Pittsburgh, PA 15226
Phone: 412-343-2859 **Email:** mnp.grabowski@verizon.net

THE BROOKLINE

The Brookline Staff
Pamela Grabowski Editor
Jan Beiler Proofreader/Advertising
Amy Fisher Proofreader
Julie Salas Proofreader
Jennifer Askey Proofreader
Ryan Askey Proofreader
Melissa Distal Photographer
Rosemarie Traficante Delivery
South Hills Printing - *The Brookline's official printer*

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

The Brookline by email is in FULL COLOR! The Brookline is also available by mail. A one year subscription is \$25 for non SPDC members & \$15 for members.



THE BROOKLINE PAST ISSUES

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

DEADLINES:

May 12 for June's Issue

June 12 for July's Issue

CONTACT INFORMATION

Email: thebrookline@brookline-pgh.org or

mnp.grabowski@verizon.net

Telephone: 412-343-2859

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



SUSTAINING FRIENDS

Your donations keep us in print. 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 March 2012:

- Cannon Coffee - \$102.52** ★★
- Kribel's Bakery - \$811.05** ★★
- A Boss - \$62.52**
- Hideaway Mini Mart - \$44.06**
- Alba DeFlower - \$30.00**

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

- Brookline Christian Food Bank** 412-344-8451
- Carnegie Library** 412-561-1003
- Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak** 412-255-2142
- Dollar Energy/Columbia Gas Caps**
- Processed at St. Marks - Cathy** 412-343-9575
- Meals-on-Wheels** 412-343-8144
- Mini-Bus** 412-344-4222
- Senator Wayne Fontana** 412-344-2551

READERS' RESPONSE

Marilee DiPippa called us to say she remembered that before it was Anderson's [April 2012 issue], it was Kelly & Cohen.. She remembers purchasing a refrigerator and range there around 1967.

We received the following email from a reader.
 "My father remembers Anderson Radio and Appliance Co. as a cornerstone of the community. It was a small operation, but was a fixture for the residents of Brookline. It closed many years ago."

Joseph Rogers
 Courage,
Joseph Samuel Rogers
 Central Catholic High School

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, please put "Crime Report" in the subject line.

MARCH

CRIMES ZONE 6	Total	Brookline
Aggravated Assault	6	1
Sexual Assault	2	1
Robbery	5	0
Burglary	24	1
Theft	37	15
Theft from Vehicle	19	9
Stolen Vehicle	5	1

JOANNE'S CORNER

I hope that you spread the word about SPDC's neighborhood get-together a "Taste of Brookline." We haven't had a community endeavor since the Autumn Moon Festival which was successful for quite a few years. We had crowds on the Boulevard all day. Remember how the merchants had "tastes" of their specialties at sidewalk tables for everyone to sample? "Taste of Brookline" was a more "dress up" event with entertainment by our Brookline guys **Jack Stanizzo** and **Paul Lowe**. An A-1 duo for sure.

Did you come out and meet your neighbors and sample some of the wonderful food available so close to home? The **Ritz Banquet Hall** where the event was held is the old **Ritz Bowling Alley**. Do you remember? Did any of the former pin boys show up? Are any of the former pin boys reading this?

-Joanne Fantoni



**HAPPY
 MOTHER'S DAY**



Kribel's Bakery Inc.

Specializing in
 Cakes
 for All Occasions

Brookline 412-531-1942 **Open 7 Days**

Pleasant Hills 412-653-1717





Talk to TIM
 Your Brookline Realtor

May is the right time to buy or sell.
 May I assist you with your real estate needs?

Tim Reitmeyer

412-833-3600
 412-343-5372
treitmeyer@howardhanna.com



South Hills and City of Pittsburgh specialist



South Hills Used Washers & Dryers

We have a large selection of like-new Whirlpool and Kenmore washers and dryers

Gary Henry
412-641-9605



155 McNeilly Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15226



- Sales
- Service
- Delivery

www.southhillsusedwashersanddryers.com



MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Saturday, May 12, 1:00 PM

Looking for a way to celebrate your mom? Bring her to the library to hear a special story, craft a Mother's Day gift, and enjoy tea service by the Friends of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Brookline.



Space is limited and registration is required.
Recommended for children ages 12 and younger.

*There Is Never Any Reason To Settle
For Inferior Funeral Service*

Complete Traditional Funeral Packages
Including Casket Starting At \$3,995.00



*The Finest In Funeral
Service And Facilities*

NOW WITH EXPANDED PARKING
1065 Brookline Boulevard
412-561-0380
www.deborfuneralhome.com

KENNYWOOD DAY BROOKLINE COMMUNITY DAY MONDAY JUNE 25



ALL DAY RIDE \$25.00

SENIORS (55 & UP) \$14.00



Available at the following business:

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| A-Boss Opticians | Cannon Coffee |
| Community Bank | Kribel's Bakery |
| Party Cake Shop | Seton Center |
| Medicine Shoppe | Sal's Barber Shop |
| | Vinnie's Pretzel Shoppe |



BEAUTY AND FASHION GLAM

May...what a great month, a time to celebrate the women in your life! As women we sometimes feel overwhelmed; we have so much to take care of! So many people in our lives depend on us, too many. That can be challenging, and finding a way to balance work, family, and life is what makes women strong and able to be the nurturing, caring beings that women were meant to be. As MOTHER'S DAY approaches, we should focus on the beautiful women in your life, a friend, your mom, sister, or daughter. Whoever that person is who has touched your life let them know! JACQUELINE'S inside out program, has spent the last year helping women to feel beautiful inside and out!! We have given women the confidence to get that job, helped women that may have felt insecure in relationships, our program is designed to encourage SELF LOVE, and self worth!! Women of beauty...what a great way to spring into fabulous! SPRING HAS ARRIVED so get ready to glow!! Have you been wanting to freshen up your BLONDE, or maybe you BRUNETTES are thinking of adding a hint of red? A POP of color can be all you need to feel bright and refreshed for the season. Get ready to BLUSH with a touch of color on the apples of your cheeks. This is hot for spring and summer. Trending now is pink on the eyelids, and bright lips!! Make-up tip... Pick one of your features to bring out, if you go for the eyes, tone down the lips and if you want to show off your hot lips then go lighter on the eyes! Let's celebrate the beauty in you this month, women should always feel fabulous even in those moments of insecurities. Give yourself the courage to be all you can be. As women we must take the time to take care of ourselves so we can then help the ones we love!!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY ...feel beautiful inside and out!!

Until next time ...live your dreams!

Jacqueline Capatolla, Jacqueline's Salon

www.jacquelinesnews.com



COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

As we all know, Brookline Boulevard is a tremendous asset to our neighborhood and South Pittsburgh. The longevity and success of this mainstreet can be attributed to the commitment of business owners and residents to the community, and to the diversity of offerings along the boulevard. My office recently completed a survey of small businesses across District 4, and in Brookline we found that one third of businesses have been open 20 or more years, and another third have been open less than five years. This is a testament to the long-term success of the Boulevard, as well as its ongoing ability to attract entrepreneurs.

In an effort to support that economic success, my office, neighborhood groups, and other elected officials have been fighting for years to advance the Brookline Boulevard Reconstruction Project. Now, the City and State are finally on track to break ground in Spring of 2013. This \$7.3 million project is funded by a combination of local, state, and federal dollars and will be completed by Fall 2013. The work will include new intersection designs, signage, parking meters, street lighting, drainage inlets, pavement markings, curbs, signalization and landscaping designed to make the Boulevard from Pioneer to Starkamp safer for pedestrians and motorists, and more attractive to local business patrons.

Though the construction is a year away, we are working diligently to make sure that there is minimal disruption to businesses and those who shop on the Boulevard. We helped to get the word out to over 5,000 Brookline residents about the Final Design meeting, which was held at St. Mark's on March 8. The **Pittsburgh Department of Public Works**, as well as contractors and landscape architects were there to answer questions about the design and the construction schedule.

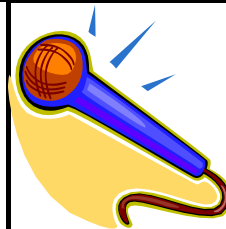
If you missed the meeting, the construction will proceed in three phases: the first between March and June, the second between June and October, and the third between October and November. We encourage you, whether you are a business owner, home owner on the Boulevard, or a patron of Boulevard businesses, to be familiar with the construction timeline, so that you can plan accordingly. Access to all businesses will be preserved, and parking will be available throughout construction. We will pass along more information as it becomes available. Find out more about the plan at our website: www.pittsburghpa.gov/district4

Perhaps the most important thing we can all do during reconstruction is support our neighbors. Remember that shopping local means more money is reinvested right here in our community. Seeing our businesses through the construction season and beyond will ensure a vibrant Brookline Boulevard for many years to come. Again, please feel free to contact my office if you have concerns, questions, or helpful suggestions for the construction process: 412-255-2131. With good planning and a little patience, the construction process can be painless. I hope you are excited as I am to see the beautiful results!



TRASH WALK

SUNDAYS AT 2:00PM. MEET AT CANNON COFFEE. ONE HOUR TRASH WALK FOLLOWED BY COFFEE & CAMARADERIE. BRING GLOVES! CONSIDER JOINING OUR ADOPT A BLOCK PROGRAM.



OPEN MIC SERIES

Cannon Coffee
802 Brookline Blvd.
Wednesdays
7:00PM to 10:00PM

EVENTS THIS MONTH

May 8 Tuesday

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

May 14 Monday

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

May 18 Friday

Bar Crawl 8:00PM at Moonlite Café \$10.00 will be collected at the bar.

May 19 Saturday

Pittsburgh Brookline K-8 PTO Garage Sale at 500 Woodbourne Ave. on the school grounds. From 8:30AM to 3:00PM. Set up begins at 7:00AM. Bring your own table. Food & drinks available for purchase.

May 21 Monday

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

May 21 Monday

Brookline Area Community Council 6:30PM doors open. Supper at 7:00PM at **St. Mark's Church** corner of Brookline Blvd. & Glenarm Ave. Neighborhood Pot Luck Supper. See ad on page 11.

May 23 Wednesday

Spring Car Cruise 5:30PM to dark at Brookline Recreation Center

May 28 Monday

Memorial Day Parade starts at Flatbush at 10:00AM



Brookline Year Round Farm Stand
Seton Center
1900 Pioneer Ave
Wednesday
11:00AM - 6:00PM

BROOKLINE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

Lois McCafferty

8TH ANNUAL SPRING CAR CRUISE WEDNESDAY MAY 23



Bring your classic vehicle for a night of fun with friend and neighbors. Enjoy music, refreshments and awards. Time: 5:30PM—Dark. **Brookline Recreation Center**

NEIGHBOR TO THE RESCUE

Do you want to plant a garden, but you rent or don't have an area to garden? Our neighbors in Beechview can help out. For \$30 a growing season you can rent a raised bed plot. Check out <http://www.cleanupbeechview.blogspot.com/> or email prettyupbeechview@gmail.com

CVS COLLECTS FOR FOOD PANTRY



Did you know that CVS on Brookline Boulevard accepts food donations for the Brookline Christian Food Pantry?



TASTEFULLY SIMPLE

The food you love, the time you deserve.

Mary Ann Grubb - Call 412-461-7561 or www.tastefullysimple.com/web/mgrubb1



A-Boss Opticians, Inc.

If we can't repair them..... no one can !
938 Brookline Blvd 412-561-0811

A-Boss repairs broken eyeglasses every day... glasses others consider not repairable. We take pride in our repair service with over 40 years of experience. All repairs and prices are based on the wear and tear of the frame once inspected. Understand that our reason for repairs is to get you by till your next exam or purchase of new eyewear. Come to A-Boss, you'll see why so many people refer us regularly for expert repair services.



P O Box 9610, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15226 412-563-0759

SARRIS CANDY BARS FUNDRAISER
\$1.00 each (BENEFITS COMMUNITY PROJECTS)
available at the following locations:
A-Boss Opticians CannonCoffee
Hair By Conroy Kribel's Bakery
Party Cake Shop

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 412-531-059
- **ANGELS' PLACE** Volunteers needed at **Angels' Place, Inc.** Help us work with children, arts and crafts, organizing and more. If interested please call Andrea at 412-531-6667. www.angelsplaceph.org

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..”

-Arnold Hiatt, American businessman, president of the Stride Rite footwear company



ADOPT A BLOCK

Your response has been gratifying. Many residents do value a clean neighborhood, AND are willing to do their part. We have started to fill in names on the map. We are still collecting names, and we would like to add yours to the map. If someone already

has the block you wanted, go talk to them and offer to share the load. Maybe if there are two people cleaning up you can extend your range.

Remember safety first! Make sure you wear gloves. Don't lose sight of your hand. That means don't reach into bushes. You don't know what's there. You can find grabbers for under \$5.00. We were able to find grabber tools for \$2.00 at Harbor Freight stores. This tool allows you to pick up without bending over and reach into bushes to grab debris. If you find a particularly appalling mess, contact us. We will try to find a way to get it cleaned up.

Keep in touch with us. Give us your weekly bag count. Like we said, this is a program in process. We have searched online for the National Adopt the Block Program to assist us in organizing our Brookline program. We don't have money, but we have enthusiasm and pride. We are going to try to find a place in the community where we can display our "Adopt A Block" map. Down the road we can consider "Adopt A Block" signs recognizing the adopters. "Adopt A Block of Brookline" T shirts? An annual "Adopt A Block" picnic? The possibilities are endless. The immediate reward is a cleaner Brookline. We will be waiting to hear which block you are adopting so email us at mnp.grabowski@verizon.net and put Adopt A Block in the subject line, call us at 412-343-2859 or write

to us at **The Brookline**, P.O. Box 96136, Pittsburgh, PA 15226

-Pamela Grabowski

ADOPTED BLOCKS

- Bellaire Ave. bet. Whited & Edgebrooke - Jennifer Grab**
- Gallion Ave. - Lisa Wilson, Pam Novak & Dana Hackley**
- Brookline Blvd. bet. Merrick & Starkamp - Patty & Dan Kaczmariski**
- Rossmore Ave. bet. Flatbush & Wedgemere - Mary Jo O'Toole**
- Norwich Ave. - Michael & Pamela Grabowski**
- 900 Woodbourne Ave. - Diane Walkowski**



WHY SHOP BROOKLINE? SHOPPERS, BE AWARE OF THE IMPACT OF YOUR SPENDING DOLLARS.

Shopping at your locally owned independent business brings back more dollars to the community. Local independent businesses and the Chamber of Commerce support your baseball, football and other sport leagues, churches, Halloween Parade, Breeze Run, and school programs. The Brookline businesses add to the character of Brookline contributing more than just goods and services. They offer personalized attention and bring life to the Boulevard. Each time you choose to spend your dollars at a local business you are saying "Yes" for the continued strength and vitality of our community.



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 and Wed 10:15am-8:45pm; Tue, Thu, Fri 1:15pm-8:45pm; Sat 8:15am-3:45pm. Membership card and registration required.

Pittsburgh Boxing Club

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.

Instructional Basketball Clinic

Boys and girls ages 6 to 8 are welcome at this six-week clinic. Learn basketball fundamentals on Saturdays from April 21 through June 9. The clinic runs from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Cost \$10/participant. Come practice the basics with Coach Milan Tyler.

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 11:00am-1:00pm. Have fun, play games and read books with Coach Joe and Mrs. Mickey. There's basketball, kickball, bowling and much more. Ages 0-5 welcome. FREE.

Martial Arts

Learn the fundamentals of Tae Kwon Do with our trained instructor. Beginner and Intermediate classes for students age 8 and up. Beginner class: Mondays from 6:15pm-6:45pm; Intermediate class: 6:45pm-7:30pm; Advanced 7:30pm-8:45pm. Cost: \$15/year For more information, visit www.sejongtkd.org.

Body Sculpting

Mondays and Thursdays from 6:15-7:30pm. Trained Instructor. Ages 18-over. Cost: \$30 session—10 workouts, pro-rated for late enrollees. Session runs for five weeks. Bring your own mat.

Weight Loss & Fitness Program

Come join our Weight Loss and Fitness Program. We meet weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00pm for weigh in and wellness discussions. After the meeting we share our favorite fitness tapes and do a workout. 20 Weeks until the Breeze! Meet with us every Monday at 6pm starting March 20. We'll help with stretching and exercises to help you get into top form before the Brookline Breeze in August. Following the meeting, consider joining our Body Sculpting class at 6:15pm.

Burke's Extreme Speed Training

Improve your speed, agility and power. Get measurable results with our trained instructor. This coed hybrid workout for ages 12 - 18 is suitable for every sport. Three-week sessions: (May 22 - June 9), (June 12 - June 30), (July 3 - July 21). Cost \$20/session.

Dodge-Ball League

For high school age Co-Ed's. Bring your own team or get picked for a team. Cost is \$20 per person. Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Summer Basketball Leagues

Sign-ups for the Recreation Center Summer Basketball Leagues begin in April. Instructional League (boys and girls ages 9-11) and 14-Under League (boys and girls ages 12-14). Programs run from mid-June through first week of August. Cost: \$25 per player. Deadline for registration is May 15. Roster positions are limited. Program begins after Little League baseball ends. Sign up now!

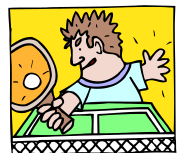
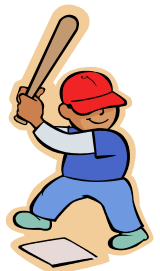
Gameroom Activities

Ping-pong, bumper pool, air hockey and board games available for public use. Open from 1:15pm -8:45pm weekdays. Gameroom use is subject to availability, depending on programming.

Basketball-Open Gym

Gym is available for public use from 1:15pm -8:45pm depending on Recreation Center program use.

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



A Brookline Member of the Greatest Generation



In the photo above **Pete Patterson** is standing second from the left.

The next time you feel stressed because you are stuck in traffic and late for work, your baby is crying and will not stop or you do not have enough money to pay the bills this month, consider Brookline's own **Pete Patterson** who at 21 found himself in the nose of an unheated B-24 bomber, at 21,000 feet. He is flying over the Ploesti Oil Fields in Romania, a most dangerous place to be. The temperature in the aircraft is MINUS 25 degrees; his only protection from the elements is Plexiglas, a very thin layer of aluminum and an electrically heated flying suit. Breathing oxygen through a rubber mask and wearing goggles, his movement is hindered by the cramped space, his thick flight suit, and the machine guns he operates. He scans the sky in front of him for enemy aircraft while ground anti-aircraft guns throw thousands of exploding shells at his formation.

This is his first mission, May 18, 1944. Reality sets in quickly for he is required to do 50 such missions before he can "Go Home"!

Born October 10, 1922, Pete's family lived on the lower side of Edgebrook Avenue, but moved to Plateau Street in Carrick when he was a teenager, where he "sometimes" went to school. He recalls, with a smile, having the truant officers knocking on his front door and his dad saying, "Yea, he's hiding in the basement." While working at A.M. Byers Co. (a pipe mill in South Side) he signed up for the Marines along with his brother and a few friends shortly after Pearl Harbor was bombed on December 7, 1941. While he was waiting to be "called up" (there was a long waiting list as America "geared up" for the War), he was drafted by the Army instead and left for duty in December of 1942.

He was housed at the St. Moritz Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida for Boot Camp (which was okay by him, but he only saw the beach while marching on it) then off to Texas for the Air Corps, Aircraft Engine Maintenance School. While there, he was picked for Aerial Gunnery School and returned to Tyndall Field in Florida for training. While learning this job, he said light heartedly, "we were warned to not shoot at the farmers' livestock, so I didn't, but I guess someone before me did!!"

Eventually he was assigned to a crew as a nose gunner on a brand new B-24 heavy bomber called the "Worry Bird" which they met at a base in Kansas. They flew it to an airfield near Foggia Italy via Florida, with stops along the East Coast of South America to Brazil then to Africa with stops at Dakar and Senegal arriving in Italy in April 1944. Pete recalls how poor the Italians were and how the retreating Germans had destroyed the villages taking most of the food with them. His crew helped a young boy by having him do errands while they supplied food and clothing for his family. While on a 7-day break, after 20 missions, he went to the Isle of Capri and had a picture of his "sweetheart" (later to be his wife) painted on the back of his leather flight jacket at a cost of \$20.00 and 6 Hershey bars.

Pete kept a log called "A GUNNERS LIFE" where he reported his feelings and facts of each mission. From May 18, 1944 until October 4, 1944, Pete spent 240 tense hours in the air flying 42 Sorties (which equaled 50 missions because several "highly dangerous sorties" counted as double missions). These were at places deep into Germany like Munich and Friedrichshafen, the Ploesti Oil Fields, Romania (4 times) which had a huge concentration of anti aircraft guns and fighters protecting it. The dangers were enormous! Some missions involved over 800 bombers doing formation bombing. If one was hit and went out of control, it could (some did) fly into another bomber and they would both go down. Some of the bombers receiving direct hits and blew up like a "puff of confetti," while others went out of control into tight spins until they hit the ground.

Pete and his crew members would watch their fellow aircraft go down and try to count the parachutes to determine who managed to "get out"; meanwhile enemy fighters were attacking "out of the sun" and in a flash would riddle your aircraft with bullets. Even with our own fighters as escorts an alarming number of bombers were lost. During a mission, some safety was afforded from enemy fighters (because of all the gunners on a bomber) by staying in formation. If a bomber lost an engine and fell behind, the German fighters would pick them apart.

Pete is not sure how he managed to survive while others were lost. He had some narrow escapes and showed me an ugly piece of sharp edged, "flack/shrapnel" that came through his position and knocked down his headset from a resting place. In his log, he writes, "If my head was turned the other way, I wouldn't be here to write this." Twice his aircraft

(Continued on page 11)



SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

[House Bill 934 \(HB 934\)](#), the Voter ID bill, passed the General Assembly and was signed into law by Governor Corbett on March 20. As a result, this November every voter will be required to show a valid form of identification in order to vote. This law does not affect the April 24 primary. If you do not have a valid form of identification, the state will provide one to you at no cost.

To obtain a valid ID you need to visit a PennDOT Driver License Center with the following paperwork:

- PennDOT Oath/Affirmation Voter ID form
- PennDOT DL-54A form (\$13.50 fee will be waived with the Oath/Affirmation form)
- Social Security card
- One of the following: Birth Certificate with a raised seal, Valid U.S. Passport, Certificate of U.S. Citizenship, or Certificate of Naturalization
- Two proofs of residency, such as a lease agreement, current utility bills, mortgage documents, W-2 form, tax records, bank statements, and/or credit card bills. College students may also use room assignment paperwork and one bill with their dorm room address on it.

The following are acceptable forms of identification that will be accepted in order to vote:

- ID issued by the United States government that includes your name, a photograph, and an expiration date that is not expired
- U.S. military ID – active duty and retired military (a military or veteran's ID must designate an expiration date or designate that the expiration date is indefinite). Military dependents' ID must contain an expiration date
- ID issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that includes your name, a photograph, and an expiration date that is not expired
- ID issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) that is not more than 12 months past the expiration date
- Valid-without-photo driver's license or a valid-without-photo ID card issued by PennDOT for individuals who have a religious objection to being photographed
- Employee ID issued by a municipality of Pennsylvania that includes your name, a photograph, and an expiration date that is not expired
- ID issued by an accredited Pennsylvania public or private institution of higher learning that includes your name, a photograph, and an expiration date that is not expired
- ID issued by a Pennsylvania care facility that includes your name, a photograph, and an expiration date that is not expired

If you plan to file an **absentee ballot**, you will need one of the following proofs of identification with your application:

- Driver's license number
- Last four numbers of your Social Security number (for individuals who do not have a current valid driver's license)
- Photocopy of a valid-without-photo driver's license or a valid-without-photo ID card (for individuals who have a religious objection to being photographed; or
- Photocopy of one of the acceptable forms of ID under the new law

If you need any assistance in obtaining a valid ID, if you cannot locate your Social Security card or birth certificate or need the Oath/Affirmation and DL-54A forms, please contact my office at 932 Brookline Boulevard (ph: 412-344-2551) and my staff and I will gladly assist you.



MJ

**AUTOMOTIVE
SERVICE CENTER LLC**

10
YEARS
IN BUSINESS!

Excellence In Service, Our Motto
Your Guarantee

2600 Pioneer Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15226
(412) 531-9909



ASE
CERTIFIED



AAA
Approved Automotive Care

A Brookline Member of the Greatest Generation

(Continued from page 9)

was so badly damaged they had to throw everything they could out, guns ammo etc, to get the weight down and continue to stay in the air. Each time they landed, they would count the holes in the airplane and make "nervous jokes" about surviving the mission. Still, some crews were killed on their very last mission and that fact haunted everyone as they counted down to their last one.

Pete writes, after his last mission "I'm about the happiest guy in the Air force. What a feeling to know that I am all through, Boy! I could jump up and down, I think I will!"

Pete's jubilation was short lived because the War was not over! He was sent "back to the States" via ship and then to a training base in Colorado where they prepared for the Invasion of Japan. Pete recalls driving his 1941 Oldsmobile, for fun, up Pikes Peak while there. Luckily, the War ended and he was discharged, on September 26, 1945.

A stronger, more aware, and determined Pete returned to marry his Brookline sweetheart, Cecelia Mancuso. The newly-weds bought a house on Creedmoor Avenue (where he still lives), raised two children Kathy and Michael and he has led a busy productive life working at "The Mill," doing painting and maintenance work, and along the way becoming an avid golfer.

I have had the personal pleasure of having Pete as a friend and "golf buddy" for the past 20 years. He is a big-hearted, well-respected, and friendly guy who is always willing to give a helping hand and is someone who you cannot dislike! On the golf course he has a golf shot named after him called, of all things, "A Pete Patterson", which is a low lined shot from inside 75 yards that runs up and stops 3 feet from the pin, and he does it regularly.


Pete has stubbornly asked me not to portray him as a hero, which he says he "is not." His discharge papers show he has earned a list of about 10 to 12 medals, commendations, and Campaign ribbons. Pete is not interested in them so I will not mention them individually. Hero? I will let you decide for yourself. Personally, I disagree with Pete's assessment and think, as Brookliners and Americans; we owe a great debt to him and his generation and should be proud of them living in our midst.

-Bob Beiler



MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 21, 2012



**Doors open 6:30 PM
Supper at 7:00 PM**

BACC Invites You to

AN OLD FASHIONED NEIGHBORHOOD POT LUCK SUPPER

- Spend an evening getting to know your neighbors.
- Bring a dish to serve 8 to 10 in a disposable container.
- Brookline Area Community Council will provide chicken, ham barbeque, and old fashioned lemonade and iced tea.
- If your name begins with
 - a-h, bring salad;
 - l-q, bring a side dish;
 - r-z, bring dessert.
- If you need information, call Annette at 412.341.9863.
- You need not be a member. Everyone is welcome.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Complete Personalized Beauty Service

JOAN'S *Beauty Salon*

JOAN SARGO - Owner

Phone

LOcust 1-2992



Specialists in Hair Tinting and Hair Styling

WE GIVE
TOP VALUE STAMPS

618 BROOKLINE BLVD.

Today you will find **Mazza Shoe Store** and **Vinny's Pizza** at this location. Does anyone remember Joan's Beauty Salon or **Joan Sargo**?

Be Active Come Celebrate!

St Marks Lutheran Church
Brookline Blvd & Glenarm Ave (Across from Cogo)



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

Can't believe we're welcoming May. This school year has flown by so quickly. On May 19 at 10:00 our fabulous ballroom dancers will be heading off to compete in the "Colors of the Rainbow" Finals. Stay tuned for the results from the competition. Our basketball teams have just completed their seasons. This year, in addition to the boys' basketball team, we've also had a girls' basketball team. The boys' team was coached by **Dave "Quick" Strothers** who is a custodian in our building and a mentor to our children. The girls' team was coached by our 4th/5th grade math teacher **Ms. Sara Wingen**. **Ms. Wingen** not only took charge of the basketball team but has also assisted our Social Worker **JoAnn Lozecki** with the "Girls on the Run" Program. "Girls on the Run" is a non profit prevention program for girls in the 3rd through 8th grade. Their mission is "to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living." "Girls on the Run" not only prepares the girls to run a 5k, it also instills self-esteem and strong values with health education, life skills development, and mentoring relationships. While speaking of our health kick, "Jump Rope for Heart" also took place April 23 through May 4. "Jump Rope for Heart" is an opportunity for the children to obtain sponsors as they participate in jump rope activities during the week and raise money that is donated to the American Heart Association. This year our physical education teacher, **Mr. Trevor Weller**, planned an exciting ending to the fundraiser. The students ended the day on May 4 with Olympic Games for the primary students and a "battle of the homerooms" kickball game for the intermediate students. The children had a great time while earning money for a great cause.

New this year, our Kindergarten and first grade students took their first Tera Nova Assessments in reading and math along with the second grade students during the week of April 25 to May 4. Since we had so many new students who took the test, on Wednesday, April 18 we had Tea, Toast and Tera Nova. This was a little information session for parents to update them on what to expect and gave them some tips on how to prepare their children for the test.

In May, we'll have our Very Important Person Day (V.I.P.) on May 24. The children will be able to invite a special person to join them at school for part of the day. The children and their person will do activities together as well as judging science projects at the Science Fair (which is supervised by our Science Teacher **Ms. Wroniak**), watch fabulous ballroom dancers perform and walk through our live literacy museum. A great time will be had by all.

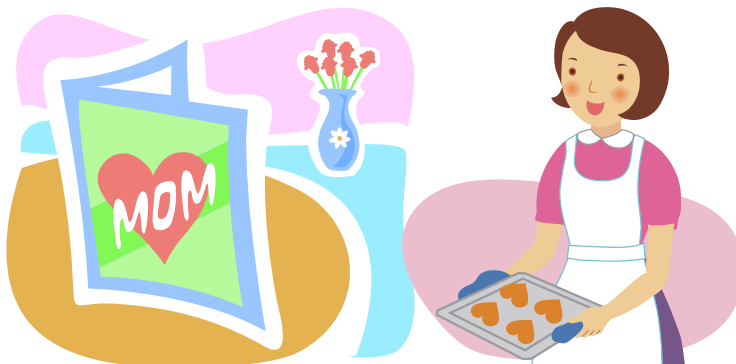
Are you a retired teacher or a person looking for something to do? For the 2012-2013 school year, we are looking for a few good people who can tutor some of our children in reading and math. It can be as little as an hour a week or whatever amount of time you're willing to donate. We're also looking for some dependable people who would like to work during our recess in the upcoming school year. Please keep in mind if you're interested you will need to get a criminal background clearance and a child abuse clearance. Please call **Pittsburgh West Liberty** at 412-571-7420 if you're interested or have questions on how to obtain clearances. While I'm mentioning about volunteers, we at **Pittsburgh West Liberty** would like to recognize **Ms. Judith Lutz**. **Ms. Lutz** is a retired **Pittsburgh Public School** Teacher who gives of her time each week to help tutor children and to help with lunch time duties. We truly appreciate her generosity and kindness in helping us at **Pittsburgh West Liberty**.

As another article comes to a close, we at **Pittsburgh West Liberty** would like to offer congratulations to **Kevin Schwerin**, our Carson's Scholarship Winner. In order to win this scholarship, Kevin had to provide evidence of his volunteer work and write an essay depicting why he should be the winner of this scholarship. This scholarship awards \$1,000 to students who do well academically and are dedicated to their community. Congratulations Kevin, we're very proud of you.

Next month, we'll be featuring our students who earned the honor roll and high honor roll for third report. We are having an Open House on May 17 for anyone who may be interested in visiting our school please give us a call so we can set up a tour for you. We are currently enrolling children in Kindergarten. If your child turns five by September 30, you can register him/her at the school. Remember that **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** is the place "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."

-*Kathy Moran*, Principal

-*Teresa Grusong-Adams*, First Grade Teacher



**OVER 100
YEARS
QUALITY
SERVICE**

Plumbing
Heating
Air Conditioning
Water Heaters
Sewer & Drain Cleaning
Gas, Water & Sewer Lines
Emergency Service Available
Residential & Commercial
Fully Insured
Free Estimates



PA Reg. # PA009345

BROOKLINE PLUMBER

412-531-0183

613 Brookline Blvd., Pittsburgh
Registered Master Plumber # HP 1611

THIS MONTH AT CARNEGIE LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Spring Storytimes Stories, songs and rhymes!

Pre-K Storytime Tuesdays through May 22, 1:00 PM Children ages 3-5 and their caregivers

Toddler Storytime Thursdays through May 24, 11:00 AM Babies and toddlers up to age three and their caregivers

After-school Movie Time Wednesdays through May 23, 3:00 PM Kids up to age 12

Relax and laugh with a funny movie



TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Time Tuesdays Teens in grades 6-12 Tuesdays, 3:30 PM

It's time to express yourself! Activities include art/crafts, movies, music, book discussions, tech projects, video/games, comics, manga and more.

Ralph Munn Creative Writing Workshop: Creative Nonfiction Teens in grades 9-12 Wednesday, May 2, 3:30 PM

Whether you write all the time, hardly ever or never, come to this fun workshop to take part in writing games, prompts and activities and have the chance to share your work with other teens. Interested in more information about the 2012 Ralph Munn Creative Writing Contest and how you can become a published author? Visit the official website at: <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/teens/events/programs/ralphmunn/>.

Teen Advisory Council Teens in grades 6-12 Second Thursday of each month, 3:30 PM

Join us on May 10 to be an active part of the library by volunteering for the Teen Advisory Council. TAC members pick and plan teen library programs, give input on what books, magazines, and cds to have in the teen collection, create community projects and brainstorm fundraising ideas. TAC is a great way to earn community service hours for high school graduation or for college applications. Come to a meeting to see what it's all about and enjoy free snacks!

Third Thursday Teen Book Discussion Teens in grades 6-12 Third Thursday of each month, 3:30 PM

Relatable real lives, heartfelt histories, dramatic dystopias and fantastical futures! We'll explore them all in books chosen by the group. Share what's on your mind and hear other peoples' perspectives about the fascinating characters in fiction, nonfiction and graphic novels for teens. Call or stop by the library for this month's title.

Screen-Play Teens in grades 6-12 Last Wednesday of each month, 3:30 PM

Watch a feature film with other teens on the library's big screen TV. Call or stop by the library for this month's movie title.



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, 6:00 PM On May 21, we will discuss *One Step Behind* by Henning Mankell

Wednesday Afternoon Book Club Second Wednesday of each month, 1:00 PM On May 9, we will discuss *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne

Friends of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Brookline First Saturday of each month, 10:00-11:00 AM

Adults 18 and older

Join an organization dedicated to supporting one of our community's greatest assets - your public Library! On May 5, we'll be finalizing efforts for our Mother's Day Tea and planning our annual Breezefest Book Sale.

Wise Walk

Thursdays, 1:00 PM Adults 50 and older

Are you an active and involved 50+ adult who wants to age healthfully and enjoys learning new things? Sign up for this free program to walk with a group from the Library and receive a free pedometer. Healthy snacks will be served after each walk. This program is brought to you by the Allegheny County Library Association in partnership with AARP and the Highmark PALS (People Able to Lend Support) Program.



It's May and Students Continue to Bloom at BRC!

As we wait for the eggs to hatch in our urban farm, days are busy at **Brookline Regional Catholic School**. The first weekend in May finds **Mrs. Babcock** and the members of our Robotics Teams over in Lawrenceville at the competition sponsored by CMU and the National Robotics Consortium. In the weeks that follow, winner **Zachary Folino** and alternate **Carmen Wilson** will attend the Diocesan Spelling Bee. **BRC** will welcome the local winners as we host the Diocesan Math 24 Tournament on May 8. Students compete on Level 4 thru Platinum. Spring soccer has begun in earnest for both the junior varsity and varsity teams.

The members of the **BRC Band** are preparing for the annual Spring Tour. Students join musicians from St. Anne, St. Gabriel and St. Sylvester Schools performing concerts at all four schools on May 16. The Spring Concert will be held at St. Sylvester School on May 17 at 7 pm.

Congratulations to: **Erin Milcarek** who received the Elizabeth Seton Legacy Scholarship for **Seton LaSalle Catholic High School**. The award of a \$1,000 renewable scholarship will be presented at a luncheon on April 22, 2012. The members of the **BRC** newspaper and sponsors **Mrs. Sbuscio** and **Mrs. O'Connell** who won Diocesan Elementary School Journalism Awards for layout and design, photography (**Ashlyn Bellisario** and **Cristiana Nicholas**), best opinion piece (**Katie Quigley**) and best overall quality.

Looking forward, plans are in the works for our annual exhibition of student artwork, the Art Odyssey and picnic. Watch for details on our Facebook page. As the regional school serving the neighborhoods of South Pittsburgh we are proud of all that our students accomplish. We invite you to stop in to see is in action. Happy Spring!

-Janet Salley Rakoczy, Principal

PARENT SURVEY IN THE MAIL

Parent surveys will be available May 7 to June 18. One survey per student will be mailed to each household. **Pittsburgh Public Schools** wants to improve parent engagement, customer service, and resolve ongoing parent concerns. The school district values every parent and looks forward to parent participation. Parents will be able to voice their concerns as well as identify what is working well at their schools. Parent voices from closing schools will be forwarded to incoming schools.

How this survey will be used to improve the schools:

- The survey will act upon district-wide trends.
- Improve central office school support.
- Identify schools needing support and develop plans.
- Survey data will be used in September 2012 training.

School level results will be available on the district website at the end of August.

Please look for this survey in your mail. **MAKE YOUR OPINION COUNT.**

-Cynthia Devine-Kepner

PITTSBURGH WIRE RECYCLERS

*Cash Paid
for all Types of Wire*

Gary Henry 412.641.9605

BRASHEAR & LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOLS UNITE

The Transition Team had a productive meeting on March 19. The team was updated with respect to the work of the four Transition Subcommittees, which include Students, Parents/Community, School Personnel and Supplemental Supports. Additionally, the committee received and discussed a calendar of Transition Events from March through May, as well as the first draft of the School Improvement Grant (SIG) renewal application. The members were asked to read through the first draft and be prepared to discuss it during the next Transition Team Meeting. Mr. Vater also explained that he has personally called each sophomore at Langley High School and will be calling the parents of freshmen and juniors as well. Based on his conversations with parents, the biggest concern is transportation.

In addition to the updates, the team spent time talking about the impact of Langley's closure on the West End community, as well as how Brashear High School is going to create the 'school spirit' that is so familiar in the West End. Several attendees shared their ideas, including the distribution of "Bulls Country" signs to local homes, calendars that advertise local businesses and contain Brashear Events and even a billboard in the West End. Ms. Kimberly Salintero, the Chief of Staff for Councilwoman Theresa Kail-Smith, explained that Brashear has to become part of the community come September.

Anyone who would like to help with this endeavor is encouraged to contact either school.

- Brashear High School 412-571-7300
- Langley High School 412-778-2100

-Karen Arnold

Monday, May 21, 2012



**Doors open 6:30 PM
Supper at 7:00 PM**

BACC Invites You to

**AN OLD FASHIONED
NEIGHBORHOOD POT LUCK
SUPPER**

- Spend an evening getting to know your neighbors.
- Bring a dish to serve 8 to 10 in a disposable container.
- Brookline Area Community Council will provide chicken, ham barbeque, and old fashioned lemonade and iced tea.
- If your name begins with
 - a-h, bring salad;
 - l-q, bring a side dish;
 - r-z, bring dessert.
- If you need information, call Annette at 412.341.9863.
- You need not be a member. Everyone is welcome.

Be Active Come Celebrate!

**St Marks Lutheran Church
Brookline Blvd & Glenarm Ave (Across from Cogo)**



CITY OF PITTSBURGH

"AMERICA'S MOST LIVABLE CITY"

Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

Dear Neighbors,

The days are growing warmer and longer, and I'm excited to welcome this year's cleaning and greening season. As you begin to Redd-Up your neighborhood, Green-Up empty lots and Love Your Blocks, I want you to know that your hard work and dedication not only improves the beauty of your neighborhood, but also helps keep your family and neighbors safe.

By transforming vacant lots into green spaces, community gardens and other creative community assets, your work helps reduce crime and improve residents' neighborhood pride. Blighted properties attract illegal and dangerous activity, and it's important that we work together to keep such activity out of our neighborhoods.

More blighted properties will be demolished this spring, creating opportunities for attractive, useful green spaces. As community members, I encourage you to take charge of these areas through City programs like Green Up, Love Your Block, the Sideyard Sale Program and the Garden Waiver Program. Businesses are reminded to take advantage of the Storefront Renovation Program and the Taking Care of Business program. By aggressively addressing blighted properties through community-driven development, you each take an active role in beautifying your neighborhood and improving its public safety.

Fighting blight is one way to keep our neighborhoods safe. As Mayor, I continue to take great measures across our City to improve public safety, including cracking down on nuisance properties, providing public safety officials with advanced training, and dedicating over \$3 million to demolition this year. As always, the safety of Pittsburgh's residents and businesses remains a high priority.

Residents are reminded to report suspicious activity, review crime alerts or join a block watch by visiting my Community Safety Website at communitysafety.pittsburghpa.gov.

Keeping our City clean, safe and green is up to each of us. By working together, we can continue to strengthen our neighborhoods and keep Pittsburgh "America's Most Livable City."

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

512 CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 414 GRANT STREET, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15219

Phone: 412-255-2626 Fax: 412-255-2687



pittsburghpa.gov



[facebook.com/city.of.pittsburgh](https://www.facebook.com/city.of.pittsburgh)



twitter.com/citypgh

Transition 2012

Brashear and Langley High Schools Unite

April 2012—Issue 3



PSCC Meeting—Monday, April 16, 2012
 Brashear High School Library
 5:30 p.m.

(Transition Team Meeting held at 4 p.m. in the Library Classroom)

“The speed of a Mustang combined with the strength of a Bull will conquer all!”



The student focus group has worked diligently to make sure that the Langley students have a smooth transition to Brashear High School.

Transition Team Update

The Transition Team had a productive meeting on March 19. The team was updated with respect to the work of the four Transition Subcommittees, which include Students, Parents/Community, School Personnel and Supplemental Supports. Additionally, the committee received and discussed a calendar of Transition Events from March through May, as well as the first draft of the School Improvement Grant (SIG) renewal application. The members were asked to read through the first draft and be prepared to discuss it during the next Transition Team Meeting. Mr. Vater also explained that he has personally called each sophomore at Langley High School and will be calling the parents of freshmen and juniors as well. Based on his conversations with parents, the biggest concern is transportation.

In addition to the updates, the team spent time talking about the impact of Langley’s closure on the West End community, as well as how Brashear High School is going to create the ‘school spirit’ that is so familiar in the West End. Several attendees shared their ideas, including the distribution of “Bulls Country” signs to local homes, calendars that advertise local businesses and contain Brashear Events and even a billboard in the West End. Ms. Kimberly Salintero, the Chief of Staff for Councilwoman Theresa Kail—Smith, explained that Brashear has to become part of the community come September.

Anyone who would like to help with this endeavor is encouraged to contact either school or to attend the next Brashear/Langley Transition Team meeting on Monday, April 16, 2012, at 4 p.m. in the Brashear Library Classroom.

Important Contact Information
Brashear High School Phone Number 412-571-7300
Ms. Gruber, Learning Environment Specialist, Brashear 412-571-7323
Langley High School Phone Number 412-778-2100
Ms. Arnold, Learning Environment Specialist, Langley 412-778-2115

Upcoming Events	
<i>Tuesday, April 10 & Wednesday, April 11</i> Langley sophomores shadow Brashear students	<i>Monday, April 16</i> Transition Team Meeting (4 p.m., Brashear Library Classroom) PSCC Meeting (5:30 p.m., Brashear Library)
<i>Thursday, April 12, Friday, April 13 & Monday, April 16</i> Langley freshmen shadow Brashear students	<i>Friday, April 27</i> Student Focus Group Meeting (10 a.m.; Brashear High School)



FREE

RECREATION / GYM MEMBERSHIP FOR YOUTH

The Salvation Army's new Worship and Service Center in Mount Lebanon also houses a Community Center, offering the students and families in your school district the following :

- *Open to local youth Grades Pre-K through 12*
- *Monday– Thursday from 3:00-5:00 p.m.*
- *After-school program with tutoring and mentoring*
- *Computer lab for homework, research & social networking with adult supervision*
- *“Steelers Fitness Center” offers adult & youth-sized fitness equipment*
- *Wii gaming stations for fitness & entertainment*
- *Regulation size basketball court & shuffle board with walking track*
- *Variety of sporting equipment available in gymnasium*
- *Children's outreach and character-building programs starting this month!*
- *Music & Drama Classes coming soon!*
- *Specialized Dance & Fitness Classes coming soon!*

The Community Center is not a drop-in center. Parents or legal guardian must register their child(ren) and complete a “Parent Release Form.” Meet staff, review paperwork and tour the Community Center during standard business hours. Or stop in during our “Open House” events this winter!

OPEN HOUSE DATES **May 15, 16 & 17 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

THE SALVATION ARMY
PITTSBURGH TEMPLE CORPS
WORSHIP & SERVICE CENTER
 1060 MCNEILLY ROAD
 PITTSBURGH, PA 15226
 OFFICE | 412.207.2127
 WEBSITE | WWW.TEMPLECORPS.ORG



DOING THE MOST GOOD™