

WYLD CHYLD TATTOO



From left to right: **Stephanie Severin, Jason Hoak, Sarah Miller, Katy D**

If you're a tattoo novice like me, you probably have an idea in your head about what it's like inside a tattoo shop. I know I never felt cool enough to walk inside. And even if I could get inside the door, wouldn't it hurt a lot?

Walking into **Wyld Chyld Tattoo**, my perception completely changed. The warm tones, comfortable furniture and New York brownstone design put my mind at ease. There weren't images with numbers on the wall for me to choose from. Instead, beautiful custom artwork was laid out in frames and photo books. I didn't have to be a certain cool to be in there. Being me was just enough.

It is the goal of owner **Sara Miller** to provide all of her clients with a personal experience. By one-on-one consults and an understanding of their vision, **Wyld Chyld** artists are able to leave clients with something more than a piece of art to hang on a wall.

"People get tattoos for many different reasons. Sometimes, it's cosmetic – to cover up a birthmark or scar they don't like or for permanent make-up. Sometimes it's a memorial to a loved one. We want to give everyone something beautiful that they can be proud of," said **Stephanie Severin**, manager.

The art of tattooing is very different than putting pencil or brush to paper. Not only do artists need to be well, artists, but they also need to understand the nuances and subtleties of working with the medium of skin, as well as how to work on all the various locations of the body – from an arm to a rib cage.

All of the artists at **Wyld Chyld** have had art training as well as inking apprenticeships. Apprenticeships teach the skills of technique and sterilization that can make good artists great – and safe. In fact, if you want to get into the business of tattooing, it works best to know "a guy".

"My uncle was a tattoo artist, and I wanted to do what he did. He started teaching me when I was 16. I finished with a degree from the Art Institute and starting working in a shop," said **Jason Hoak**, manager.

Wyld Chyld Tattoo is a franchise shop with three locations in New York and one in Puerto Rico. And they do 100 percent custom work.

If you're in the market for a tattoo, Stephanie's advice is to select a shop that will consult with you. "A good artist can tell you what will work aesthetically and physically. They'll also give you personal attention."

"We want every client to come back here after they've had a tattoo so that we can check on them and help them through the healing process," Severin said. "We want everyone's work to look perfect. That's our art walking around and we all take that very seriously."

Now that I'm sold on the shop, how much will it hurt?

"Have you ever skinned your knee or had a brush burn? It feels like that. The needle is moving so fast it's more like a scrape than a series of pokes," said Severin.

I'm not sure I believe that part yet, but the offer to come watch them work may just help ease my fears. When I do finally get the courage, I know where I'm coming.

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Monday thru Saturday 12:00PM to 8:00PM

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Find them on Facebook at **WyldChyld**.

-Megan Stearman
-Photo by *Melissa Distel*



Letter from the Editor

We are taking our ideas for this month's letter from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and several local residents. The June 8, 2012 issue of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette had an article about the 31 new police officers who were sworn in the previous day. What caught our attention was one **Officer Alan Anderson**, a paralegal who decided to switch careers. Why did Officer Anderson stand out for us? Because according to the article Officer Anderson is from Brookline. We think that it says something about our community when **Pittsburgh Police Officers** choose to live here. Do you really think a police officer is going to raise a family in a high crime area?

Yes, we have crime in Brookline [Crime Statistics page 3]. However, if you attend Block Watch Meetings or receive **Commander Scott Schubert's** report, you know that many of those thefts or thefts from vehicles involved people the victims knew, or the victims left their property unattended or their vehicles unlocked. While blaming the victim is politically incorrect, there is something to be said about not offering yourself as a victim. Lock your car, don't leave your cell phone or purse on the store counter and walk away. Someone will take the opportunity you offer.

Our second cue came from **Linda Smith** [See page 12, *Channeling Crosby Still Nash Young*] and **Cathy Neal**. Cathy called us about Adopt a Block, but unfortunately her call came too late to fit into this issue's Adopt a Block. She did reinforce what we heard from Linda. These women are mothers who are looking for a way to involve their children in community service. We are encouraged by their attitude. Linda wants to raise her children to not litter, and Cathy wants her teenagers to recognize that it takes work to pick up what others so casually drop.

In addition to the litter, we want you to notice the neglected properties around you. We do have people buying property in Brookline and residing elsewhere. There's nothing wrong with an absentee landlord as long as that landlord is not absent to the maintenance of the property. If you see property that hasn't seen a lawnmower in weeks or months, call us or email us with the house number and street name. We will turn the information in at the next Block Watch Meeting.

Let us all serve as a good example to the children and to each other.

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

DEADLINES:

July 12 for August's Issue
August 12 for September's Issue

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JOANNE'S CORNER

Joanne's on vacation this month. Look for her column to return in the August issue.

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MAY

CRIMES ZONE 6	<u>Total</u>	<u>Brookline</u>
Aggravated Assault	6	0
Rape	1	0
Robbery	13	1
Burglary	24	3
Theft	33	12
Theft from Vehicle	29	15
Stolen Vehicle	3	1

READERS' RESPONSE

"I just had to write when your latest edition mentioned **Sam's Hardware**. I worked there for several years during high school and college in the late 1960's. It was owned by **Gordon** and **Irv Farbstein**, two brothers who took over the business from their dad.

I met a lot of great people there. I was a bookkeeper and this was my first "real" job. I learned how to make a key and ring a register.

Thanks for reminding me."

Joyce Carson

"Love the paper & really appreciate the hard work you do! Thanks x2"

-*Sali Magrini*, a new subscriber

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An Honorable End To The School Year At BRC!

The school year ended with a flurry of activities and excitement! The PreK and Kindergarten closed with a donut breakfast, prayer service and the ducks taking their first swim! The eighth graders were recognized for their service and contributions to the school community at the annual Awards Assembly. The Seventh Grade took charge of the Annual Mission Day for the mission in Chimbote, Peru. The school year closed with a Prayer Service and the Passage of Classes and the Eighth Grade Graduation liturgy on June 4.

Congratulations to:

- **Katie Quigley**, winner of the first Moonlite Scholarship Award. The award is sponsored by **Luciano and Toni De Felice**, proprietors of the **Moonlite Café**. The award goes to the student with the highest grade point average in the class. The \$500 is given for continuing Catholic education in high school. Katie will be attending **Seton LaSalle**.
- **Erin Skiff**. Her essay was selected as the winner in the PTG essay contest. "What Catholic Education Means to Me." Erin won \$100 savings bond and delivered the essay at graduation June 4, 2012.
- **Erin Milcarek**, a winner of a \$3000 Cardinal Wuerl Junior Achievement Scholarship. Erin received her award at a reception held May 31, 2012 at the Doubletree.
- **Erin Milcarek, Katie Quigley, Katie Smith, JT Wheeler** and **Leo Wilson** who received the Presidential Academic Excellence award at Graduation.
- **Erin Milcarek** and **Katie Smith** who received the Sons of the American Revolution Award recognizing Good Citizenship at a ceremony at Soldiers and Sailors Hall.
- **Katie Quigley** and **Leo Wilson** who received the Daughters of the American Revolution Award for Outstanding Work in American History at a ceremony held at Soldiers and Sailors Hall.
- **Erin Milcarek** and **JT Wheeler** who received the American Legion School Award. Erin and JT were presented with the award by (Ret.) Lt. Colonel Fr. Ed Suhoza and (Ret.) Brigadier General Fr. Frank Mitolo.
- **Allison Williams**, her team and **Mrs. Babcock** who received word that they will receive a grant of \$500 to install energy-saving sensors to reduce electricity use in the school.
- **Jacob Jones**, a fifth grader who was named a May/June Peace Seeker by the Mattie J.T. Stepanek Foundation. Mattie wanted peace for our world and was the author of the *Heartsongs* books. Look for the Spotlight on Facebook for **Brookline Regional Catholic School**.

As you can see, we are blessed and have much to be thankful for. Enjoy the wonderful days of summer.

-*Janet Salley Rakoczy*, Principal



LOCAL CADET GRADUATES FROM WEST POINT

Cadet Scott McClelland, son of **Jim & Cindy McClelland** of Pittsburgh, PA, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy on May 26.

McClelland graduated from **Seton LaSalle High School** in 2008.

While at West Point, he concentrated his studies in environmental geography. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the Field Artillery branch. He will attend the Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in July 2012. His first duty station will be Fort Riley, Kansas.

About West Point

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-article and photo provided by *Cindy McClelland*.



BEAUTY AND FASHION GLAM

RED, WHITE AND BLUE...just colors or more than that? These three shades are colors Americans recognize as a sign of FREEDOM, hope and love for a country we believe in! We look at our flag and remember how special this country really is!! Whatever party you may belong to you need to remember the party is the USA, and we are all invited. We should work together planning a fabulous gathering - one that unites people and one that keeps AMERICA GREAT!! As we celebrate the 4th of July, keep in mind that the colors of our flag may be three different tones but together they are one and that is AMERICA.

Speaking of Tones... As you get ready to see fireworks and light those sparklers don't forget to put some KA-BOOM into your style, your hairstyle that is. Light up the night with some firecracker highlights and sparkling eye makeup - GLITTER goes a long way!! For something festive spray vibrant temporary colors of red, white and blue into your hair or try some feathers to complete your look!! Trending flag stickers for your toes and nails are always a hit for the 4th of July. Go on, turn heads with your PATRIOTIC SELF!

Happy 4th of July ...STAY SAFE!

Until next time ...live your dreams!

Jacqueline Capatolla, Jacqueline's Salon

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ENERGIZING BROOKLINE

Born out of conversations after **South Pittsburgh Development Corporation** and **Brookline Area Community Council** meetings, **Energize Brookline** is devoted to the idea that there is a lot of great stuff going on in Brookline. **Energize Brookline's** first official event, "Because You're Mine, I Walk the Line Pub Crawl," was a resounding success with over 120 people "drinking local." The Pub Crawl gave us a chance to highlight the numerous bars that call Brookline Boulevard home.

Part of the **Energize Brookline** steering committee spent two hours weeding and planting flowers at **Cannon Park** on May 21 in anticipation of the Memorial Day Parade. On June 2, the **Energize Brookline** crew was back out in weeding mode. With the additional help of some dedicated volunteers, the vacant lot next to **A-Boss Opticians** was weeded. Future events include a Happy Hour in celebration of **Moonlite Café's** decision to become the first smoke-free bar on the Boulevard (Tuesday, June 26). Join us on Wednesday, July 18, as we support the **VFW** on the Boulevard by playing a few games of Bingo.

Ultimately, we want people to see and know the Brookline that we all love and call home. We want people to get involved. We want people to help us **Energize Brookline**. We want people to say, "WOW, there's a lot of great stuff going on in Brookline. I want to be a part of that."

Please friend us on Facebook, and follow us on twitter @EnergizeBline. We can also be reached at EnergizeBrookline@gmail.com.

-Energize Brookline

BROOKLINE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Final Design:

- Final plan check with PennDot was May 3.
- Review comments from final plan check
- Provide overview of proposed vault plans and specs with City/Maguire
- Coordinated with PennDot construction unit concerning the type of field office required

Anticipated in June 2012:

- Address review comments from City/Maguire
- Submit final plans, specs and cost estimate to PennDot for review on June 8.

Start date is early spring 2013...finish date November 2013.

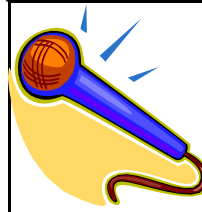
You can see the progress yourself by visiting the website Pittsburghfederalprojects.com

Lois McCafferty



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EVENTS THIS MONTH

July 7 Saturday

Friends of the Library 10:00AM - 11:00AM Carnegie Library
708 Brookline Blvd.

July 9 Monday

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

July 10 Tuesday

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

July 14 Saturday

Flea Market/Craft Show 8:00AM to 2:00PM at Brookline Park
1400 Oakridge Street Bring your own table and enjoy the day. We
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- July 12 Kung Fu Panda 2
- July 19 Dolphin Tale
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@ VFW Bingo**



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Moore Recreation Center
July 12 10:00AM to 1:00PM

Brookline Recreation Center
July 24 11:00AM to 1:00PM



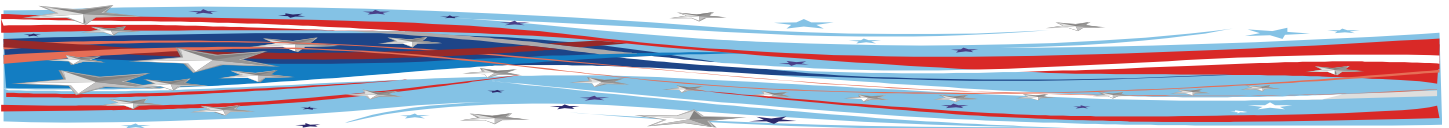
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- **DOGIPOT MAINTENANCE** call Lisa at 412-343-1319
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** sponsored by **St. Mark's Lutheran Church** call 412-343-8144
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** sponsored by **Lutheran Service Society** call 412-366-9490
- **SENIOR VAN TRANSPORTATION** 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
- **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

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"The moral test of a society is how that society treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadow of life, the sick, the needy, and the handicapped."

- *Hubert Humphrey*



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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.

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Weight Loss & Fitness Program

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

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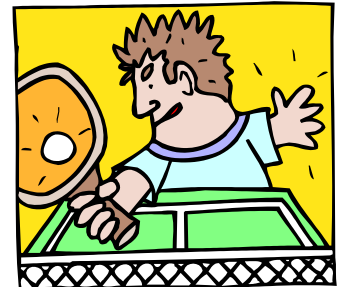
Recreation Center Summer Basketball Leagues Instructional League (boys and girls ages 9-11) and 14-Under League (boys and girls ages 12-14). Programs run through first week of August. Cost: \$25 per player. Roster positions are limited. Program begins after Little League baseball ends.

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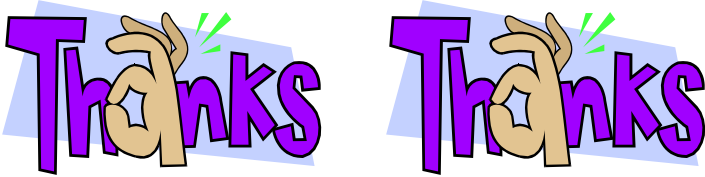
In September, I began publishing an online version of available positions, in addition to my weekly News & Views column. I have heard from constituents that have successfully found employment using the online listing so I have expanded the list to provide as wide-ranging a group of employers as possible. The first edition in September consisted of 40 employers representing over 2,200 jobs. In my latest edition, the listing features 87 employers with nearly 6,000 available jobs throughout the region.

To receive the online version of the jobs listing and my weekly News & Views, simply go to my website, www.senatorfontana.com and enter your email address under the section "Subscribe to ENews"! I also have both the jobs listing and weekly News & Views printed out in each of my offices.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program Extension

Have you filed for the Property Tax & Rent Rebate Program yet? The deadline has been extended until December 31. If you are a Pennsylvanian age 65 and older, a person with a disability 18 and older, or a widow or widower age 50 and older, you may be eligible. Income limits are \$35,000 for homeowners and \$15,000 for renters. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can increase rebates to \$975. You can stop by my office at 932 Brookline Boulevard to get a claim form (PA-1000), receive help in completing your application, and check the status of your claim.

Rebates will be sent out beginning July 1. Eligible residents who submit their application after June 30 will receive their claim after it is processed. You may also check the status of claims online by visiting the PA Department of Revenue website (www.revenue.state.pa.us) or call 1-888-PATAXES. The program is supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery and revenue from slots gaming.



HOMEOWNER THANKS OUR LOCAL FIRE FIGHTERS



On May 27, 2012 my home was struck by lightning and caught on fire. I called 911 and #26 Fire Company answered along with Fire Company #28. I cannot *THANK* those firemen enough for the job they did containing the fire to my third floor.

People talk about them [the fire personnel] sitting in front of the fire station doing nothing. *SORRY* they have been to my home a number of times for medical assistance, and they did a good job in assisting the EMS. This time they showed how hard they do work coming out of my home with sweat running off their faces and necks, showing concern about me.

Please *stop* by the fire house and give them a big *THANKS* for a job well-done; they deserve it.

Thanks again.

-Pat Khalil



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From left to right: **Debbie Brust, Hunter Richie, Connor Thompson, Courtney Thompson** and **Luke Richie** at the Memorial Day Parade.

-Photo provided by *Clint Burton*

BROOKLINE BREEZE 5K RUN/WALK

The 31st annual **Brookline Breeze 5K Fitness Run/Walk** will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at the **Brookline Community Center**, located at 1399 Oakridge Street, along the 1400 block of Brookline Boulevard. The event features the 5K race and fitness walk, a one-mile Mini-Breeze for the little ones and a one-mile Dog Walk. All participants receive a commemorative shirt and a race pack. Registered dogs receive a Breeze Bandana.

The Mini-Breeze begins at 8:35am, dog walk at 8:38am, and the 5K event begins at 9:00am. There will be awards, door prizes and refreshments. The 5K race is sanctioned by the USATF. Last year's event had over 600 registered participants.

The Breeze is a community tradition that celebrates physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle, as well as the neighborhood of Brookline itself. Mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, August 11 at **Brookline Park** for the Breeze.

Registration forms can be obtained at the **Brookline Recreation Center**. Online registration and more race information is available at the official Breeze website:

www.brooklinebreeze.com.

-*Clint Burton*

DO YOU REMEMBER?



Do you remember Melman's Super Market? It's **Privi Vault Collections** today. We're betting there are readers who remember Melman's.



Have you tried the wings at the **Boulevard Lounge** yet? What are you waiting for? Take a walk around Brookline then treat yourself to wings and a beer.

-Photo by *Melissa Distel*

WANTED!

We need someone with a truck or vehicle capable of hauling tires. Our Adopt-A-Block participants are finding tires and Eileen Papale has found a disposal site for us. If you want to help out, call us at 412-343-2859 or email mnp.grabowski@verizon.net.

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

Whether you are sitting by a pool or sipping a lemonade drink, you are no doubt trying to stay cool this summer. We thought we would offer you some cool thoughts on how we concluded our school year.

Our first cool event was a publishing party sponsored by our wonderful teacher, **Cindy Paal**. **Mrs. Paal** teaches third through fifth grade and she had this to say about her special event, "This was our 10th Annual Publishing Party. We posted all of our writing projects from the school year in the classrooms. The children's parents, siblings, and grandparents were invited. Each student chose their favorite writing project from the school year to read to our guests. After the presentations, the students received certificates making them official authors/publishers (**Mrs. Moran**, our principal, distributed the certificates). Our guests were invited to watch a slide show of pictures taken throughout the school year, browse the rooms to look at all of the writings, and join us for snacks. Parents and children were both very proud to share in this event."

Next we celebrated our Very Important Person Day (VIP Day). We had a great turnout! The children participated in various activities with their special person. During this time, we enjoyed music by our orchestra, a presentation from our wax museum actors and a performance from our ballroom dancers. Speaking of our ballroom dancers, they were successful in advancing to the Colors of the Rainbow Competition on May 19 and won the bronze medal. Great job dancers! Special appreciation is noted to our fifth grade teachers **Sheryl Reitmeyer**, **Sara Wingen** and **Dave Strothers** who helped the children through the year in this endeavor. Many lunch times were spent practicing dances such as the cha-cha or the merengue.

Following VIP Day, we enjoyed our annual Fun Day. The theme this year was "Our Kids are Out of this World." We had face painting, an 8-foot wave surfer, a disk jockey, hair coloring, tattoos, many carnival games, and a 2-story blow-up slide. The food was also excellent with sno cones, cotton candy, popcorn, burgers, hot dogs, and corn on the cob. The children and the staff had a good time!

A first for us this year was hosting a banquet for the fifth graders which was catered by Waterfall Café. The children dined on spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, fresh baked bread and a variety of delicious desserts. It was a wonderful celebration of the children's achievements, and it was a great time for the staff and families to come together. It was an especially nice opportunity for the teachers to say farewell to their students and wish them well with their future endeavors.

Following the banquet on June 12 were Kindergarten promotions and on June 13, Fifth grade promotions. Good luck to the Kindergarteners as you enter first grade. We would also like to wish good luck to our students who are entering middle school. You will be missed; please come back and visit us.

That's everything for now as we wrap-up this school year and prepare for our next school year. Please watch for next month's article which will offer pointers on how to prepare for the new school year and will announce our wonderful welcome back activities. Enjoy your well deserved summer break. We look forward to seeing you in the upcoming year. Remember **Pittsburgh West Liberty** is the place "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."

-*Kathy Moran*, Principal

-*Teresa Grusong-Adams*, First Grade Teacher



LITTER NEWS

Melissa Rosenfeld is from Carrick and works for the city as their "anti-litter" coordinator. She shared the information below with **Keith Knecht** recently.

- Allegheny Cleanways (the people who provide our Earth Day garbage bags and gloves) have a program called "DumpBusters" and have been doing some work in Brookline. The Pioneer Avenue greenway was cleaned of all debris by Joe Divek. They removed all the big stuff in the forested slope that we haven't been able to tackle during our clean-ups there.
- They also have been working on the dump sites on Edgebrook Avenue. We are looking for individuals or families in that section of Brookline to keep tabs on the condition of Edgebrook so we can better monitor litter and dumping.

Keith told Melissa that SPDC would partner with them on clearing illegal dump sites. He also shared our efforts with coordinating the Sunday "Trash Walks" and our standard program of clean-ups for Earth Day, Memorial Day, Brookline-Breeze Day, and the Fall Clean-up with the Pitt Students.

Any help we can get to keep Brookline clean is always appreciated.

WANTED FOR *BREEZE FEST*

Wanted - Arts & Craft vendors, buskers and community organizations for the **Brookline Breeze Fest** event on August 11, 2012. Choice space is available for \$35.00 and General space for \$25.00. For application Call Linda Boss at 412-563-0759 or Lois McCafferty at 412-341-5788. Applications can also be picked up at **A-Boss Opticians**, 938 Brookline Boulevard or **Cannon Coffee**, 802 Brookline Boulevard. For more information email: Blvdbreezefest@hotmail.com or call **Lois McCafferty** at 412-341-5788.



This photo is from the 2011 Breeze Fest. Reserve your spot for this year. Last year the weather was perfect and we had a great turnout.

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When **Linda Smith** told us why her family was Adopting a Block, the

Crosby Stills Nash Young song *Teach Your Children* came to mind.

“We have two young children (ages 2 & 4) and think this is a great way to teach them about keeping the neighborhood clean and not littering.”

Linda suggested we use this as a marketing idea for the Adopt the Block Program. We not only thought it was an excellent idea, but we think Linda said it best.

Make keeping Brookline clean a family affair. Adopt your block.

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CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

I had long wanted to join this class that is offered at NO COST to citizens of the Pittsburgh area (you do not have to live in the city) by our **Pittsburgh Police Department**. It's a commitment of 15 consecutive weeks, but as I found by taking the course, it is well worth it! Turn in your application and agree to a background check, and if you pass, you're in! My class, 12-10, was made up of about 15 professional adults from all over the city, its perimeter, and even one from Somerset County!

At first I thought three hours a night was going to be long and wondered what information they had to share that would take that much time. But most nights we were so involved in the information presented, we didn't want to leave. My favorite evenings were with the Bomb Squad, SWAT team, Crime Scene Investigations (and fingerprinting), K-9, the Narcotics squad, and traffic enforcement (with the motorcycle unit).

We toured Headquarters, the Training Academy, and the Emergency Operations (911) Center. The other nights were in a classroom setting downtown. The Bomb Squad brought equipment and let a volunteer try it on! K-9 night was at the Training Academy, we witnessed the dogs in action, met a new group just coming in, and walked through the mobile truck! We even received a stuffed dog as a memento of the evening. Crime Scene week was at Headquarters. We saw the processing center, learned about fingerprinting and the mobile unit, and tried some investigating



out on our own! It was a fun, hands-on class! There is much more to fingerprinting than ink on your finger creating a stamp on a piece of paper.

Other weeks we learned about the history of the department: how officers are trained in the use of force, firearms safety, crisis intervention, vehicle handling, recognizing explosives, the Intelligence unit, firearms safety and tracking, crisis intervention, graffiti, and the Citizen's Police Review Board. There was not one week or session that I was disappointed in, and every night as we left I heard comments of how fun and informative that was.



Did you know?

- The **Pittsburgh Police** have the oldest active K-9 unit in the country?
- The **Pittsburgh Police** have the most extensively trained officers in Western Pennsylvania and other departments work with ours here for training? (Many local departments seek to recruit our officers because of their training here).

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- The **Pittsburgh Police Narcotic Squad** seized \$1.25 million in drugs last year?
- The **Citizen's Police Review Board** is open to volunteers?
- If a graffiti "artist" is busted, and it costs \$3,000 or more to clean up after them, they are charged with a felony? (Report all graffiti to 911 and the officers will take a report and a photo (or provide your own) to aid them when someone is caught and they're trying to find out how much damage they've done).

The whole experience culminated in a graduation ceremony at Headquarters. There were speakers, including the Chief of Police and Public Information Officer, two city council representatives who presented us with a Proclamation making May 16 our class Citizen's Police Academy Day in the city, and the hard-working Lieutenant who puts the whole thing together.

If you are interested in the next class, it starts on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at the Banksville Park Shelter located at Crane Avenue and Carnahan Road in the Banksville neighborhood of the City from 6:00-9:00 PM. Applications are available on the City website, http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/police/citizens_police_academy.htm. The deadline for applications is August 17.



-Amy Fisher



COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

As the temperatures heat up, we spend more time outdoors enjoying all of the things our communities have to offer. Frequently, my staff and I go out across the district armed with our notepads, phones, and cameras to report potholes, litter, buckled sidewalks, and abandoned cars to try to keep our neighborhoods clean.

We need your help, too. When you are out in the neighborhood, please take notice of high grass, fallen tree limbs, downed power lines, potholes, buckled sidewalks, trash, and any other eye sore, and call it in to 311 and let our office know so we can help keep our neighborhoods clean! To call 311, just pick up any landline in the City and dial 3-1-1. You can help by giving us even more information at <http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/311/form/> where you can upload pictures of the issue and point to the problem on a map.

But, as we all know, there are some properties that continue to be problems time and time again. The City of Pittsburgh has a disruptive properties ordinance that allows these properties to be charged increased fees every time a public safety or code enforcement official is called out to their property. In order for a property to be considered "disruptive" it must have had either the police, animal control, Bureau of Building Inspection or environmental services write a citation to the property owner or occupant three times in a 180 day period.

If that occurs, the Public Safety Director may designate the property as disruptive at his discretion. If you are having issues with a disruptive property, please call my office first, as we keep track of these properties and monitor them across the District. But you should also call 311 to report any non-emergency code violations from the property, or 911 for any problem that requires the police, fire, or the paramedics. And remember, a clean and vibrant neighborhood requires committed and diligent neighbors that work together to solve problems.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call my office at (412) 255-2131.



ADOPT A BLOCK

We have blocks available, Please call and add your name to the map. 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 cheap grabbers. 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.

We need another volunteer to haul the tires we find. **Eileen Papale** has a drop off; we just need someone with a truck.

Keep in touch with us. Give us your weekly bag count. 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

Brookline Blvd. bet. Merrick & Starkamp - Patty & Dan Kaczmariski

Rossmore Ave. bet. Flatbush & Wedgemere - Mary Jo O'Toole

Norwich Ave. - Michael & Pamela Grabowski

6/3/12 - We clean Norwich as part of the Sunday Trash Walk. This week's trash walk including Norwich yielded six bags. That's down from the usual eight.

900 Woodbourne Ave. - Diane Walkowski & Mary Anne Miller

5/4/12 - Mary Anne: Cleaned street and alley today. Street—half a grocery bag. Harex Way—full grocery bag of trash and full blue bag.

5/21/12 - Mary Anne: 1/4 Shop & Save bag of trash—front only & both sides of street

600 Mayville - Peg Sherwood & Mac

500 Berkshire - Sarah McCalla

1100 Berkshire—Fred & Linda Smith Family



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN MICHAEL SCHMOTZER

I was sworn in to office on May 8, 2012 to serve the 22nd Legislative District. I am honored to serve as the voice of over 60,000 constituents in Harrisburg, and I look forward to helping many of you with your questions and concerns that involve state government. My constituent office is located at 900 Brookline Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15226 - 412-343-2094.

In my first month in office, I have taken actions that will save taxpayers more than \$43,000 calculated on an annual basis. I have refused state health insurance, refused a state car & state car insurance and enacted other cost saving measures. My office can assist with services such as Property Tax/Rent Rebates, the PACE/PACENET prescription-drug programs, vehicle registration and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

I am supporting a package of bills designed to reduce problems caused by the state's new voter ID law that Gov. Corbett and Republican legislators enacted earlier this year. I am also personally working on a number of new pieces of legislation. They include pension reform and education reform. In addition, I have been appointed to 3 committees - Aging and Older Adults, Game and Fisheries, and Policy.

I gave my first speech on the floor of the House of Representatives on June 5, urging a "No" vote on the Republican budget bill (S.B. 1466) unless it is fixed. The Corbett administration is sitting on an estimated \$300 million. And the weak Marcellus Shale law passed earlier this year has cost the state \$350 million and counting in missed revenue. We need to lift our schools out of last year's budget hole, and we need to prevent another round of trickle-down tax hikes – the surplus and the shale giveaway are two good places to start looking for money.

Until -- and unless -- this budget is fixed, I am voting no, and I have urged all members to do the same. I attended the Human Services Committee meeting and I was shocked to learn that 16,000 people are on the waiting list for intellectual disability services. They and their families suffer because they can't get the care they need. We can do better and provide more services than this budget allows.

Summer Vacation



Summer Vacation

LOCAL BUSINESS WOMAN HONORED

Jacqueline Capatolla, owner of **Jacqueline's House of Beauty** was honored by the 800 member Women's Small Business Association (WSBA) on April 4, 2012. Jacqueline was named the 2012 WSBA Best Business Woman in Pittsburgh at their annual conference held at the Clarion Hotel in Greentree. The award was given to Jacqueline on the basis of her professionalism and excellence in running a business in the Pittsburgh region.

"I am so honored and excited to be chosen for this award," Jacqueline told us.

The WSBA is a resource for women in business. They offer business strategy and networking, marketing and referrals. Their aim is to assist women to be successful in business.

In addition to the salon services Jacqueline offers at her salons on Brookline Boulevard and her second location in the Grant Building, Jacqueline with her daughter **Shaylee Capatolla** began Jacqueline's Inside-Out Program. They were at Pittsburgh Fashion Week this year. The program includes inspirational speakers, as well as hair and fashion tips. You will find their program at events that assist women who are trying to get back into the work place.

Brookline may be home to a new author soon. Jacqueline is writing a book about her business experience. She said she's close to finishing. So the next big event for Jacqueline may be a book signing on the Boulevard?



-Pamela Grabowski

THIS MONTH AT CARNEGIE LIBRARY

FAMILY PROGRAM

Family Storytime Mondays, 6:30 PM All ages are welcome. Kids, parents and caregivers participate in a lively storytime filled with stories, rhymes and songs.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Read a Bedtime Story to Finn

Mondays, 6:00 PM "Tail Waggin' Tutors" encourages children to read by providing a non-judgmental listener and furry friend to read to - that won't laugh at them if they make a mistake or stumble over a word, but rather lie next to them and enjoy the story being read to them. Sponsored by: Therapy Dogs International.

School-Age Fun Wednesdays, 2:00 PM Kids ages 6-10. Something fun and different every week - it could be stories, songs, games, crafts and more.

Toddler Storytime Thursdays, 11:00 AM Babies and toddlers up to age 3 with their caregivers. Come hear stories, sing songs and try rhymes together.

Movie-Time Saturdays, 2:00 PM For kids ages 6-10. Relax, cool-off and laugh during a funny movie at the Library.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Lounge Tuesdays, 3:30 PM Teens in grades 6-12. Teen Lounge is a hang out space just for teens. You can PLAY Wii or board games with friends; CREATE projects using library materials and equipment (or your own); CATCH UP on homework (or get unstuck with library help); JOIN the weekly activity organized by the Teen Advisory Council; OR simply beat the heat and come lounge @ Brookline's Teen Lounge.

Tanabata Japanese Festival Saturday, July 7, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Teens in grades 6-12. Manga, anime, and SO much more!! Come celebrate Tanabata with an all-out festival celebrating Japanese culture!

Pop-up Flick: Teen Movie Night Thursday, July 11, 4:00 PM Teens in grades 6-12. Catch up on your "pop" culture! Come watch some of the top cinema picks at our pop-up theater. We vote on what we watch! Blankets and pillows welcome. Free pop and refreshments provided.

Book Club! *The Body of Christopher Creed* by Carol Plum-Ucci Thursday, July 12, 3:30 PM Teens in grades 6-12. Come discuss your favorite books. Each month, we have a round robin where everyone shares the best thing they've read recently and/or something they WANT to read. We'll vote on each title and the winner gets read by EVERYONE to be discussed at our next meeting.

Indoor Ipad Star Party Tuesday, July 17, 3:30 PM Teens in grades 6-12. Do you love looking at the stars? Do you know which ones hold a story? Do you know your Draco from your Big Dipper? Come answer "Yes!" at our temporary observatory. We'll show you plenty of stars, the best apps to consider them with, and tell you some stories to connect them.

Teen Underground Cafe: Summer Band Series Thursday, July 19, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Teens in grades 6-12.

Live music after hours!!! We're bringing teen bands to the Library! In partnership with **Cannon Coffee**, we will be hosting three summer concerts - live shows by teens, for teens. Come see local bands play and "Own the Night!"

Teen Advisory Council Teens in grades 6-12. Help plan events like these and more! Consider volunteering for our Teen Advisory Council this summer. Go to facebook.com/clpbrooklineteen or stop by the library for more info.



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 July 16, we will discuss *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi

Wednesday Afternoon Book Club Second Wednesday of each month, 1:00 PM On July 11, we will discuss *The Heretic's Daughter* by Kathleen Kent

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 July 7, we'll be planning our annual Breezefest Book Sale.





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Dear Neighbors,

As we enjoy the beautiful weather Pittsburgh has to offer during the summer months, it is refreshing to venture outdoors and into our City neighborhoods. It's also important to recognize the development and transformation happening all around us. Not only is Downtown evolving, but every corner of Pittsburgh is feeling the change and economic growth of Pittsburgh's Third Renaissance. While our City's first and second renaissance brought development into Downtown, our current Third Renaissance is spreading economic development across all City neighborhoods.

With almost \$5 billion in investment in Downtown, the heart of Pittsburgh continues to become more vibrant. With a new PNC skyscraper - slated to be the world's greenest skyscraper, 30 new restaurants at Market Square and an \$83 million Piatt Place development to include luxury condos and high-end restaurants, residents and visitors are finding more and more reasons to come Downtown. Successes like these are happening all across the City as economic development spreads into more neighborhoods, with projects like the new South Shore River Front Park, Larimer's Environment and Energy Community Outreach Center, Garfield's Glass Lofts and East End's Bakery Square. Pittsburgh's Third Renaissance is a renaissance of neighborhoods!

Despite the nation's biggest economic downturn since the Great Depression, Pittsburgh has stayed on top. Utilizing this momentum, Pittsburgh has encouraged students to not only pursue higher education here but to continue living here after they received their degrees. Pittsburgh is one of only five U.S. cities - and the only city outside of Texas - that added jobs over the last decade. The most recent census shows that students are listening. Pittsburgh has more young people between the ages of 20 to 24 than ever before. We continue to encourage students and young professionals to choose Pittsburgh.

I believe that our City will continue to attract more economic development, competitive jobs and young families as we continue to expand our Third Renaissance into even more City neighborhoods. I look forward to the continued growth and revitalization that will ensure Pittsburgh remains "America's Most Livable City."

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

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- One Day Pass to Fitness Center
- Post Race Food
- Sponsorship Gift Bag
- Door Prizes

Come by 1060 McNeilly Road to register for the Run/Walk on **Saturday, July 21st!** The registration is \$15 for both walkers and runners. After July 9th registration will be \$20 at the door. Look forward to Seeing You!

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PITTSBURGH CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

Twice a year, the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police sponsors an opportunity for members of the community to become closely acquainted with the roles and responsibilities of the Police Bureau. The Pittsburgh Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) brings the police and the community close together in a setting that offers a sample of police training to each participant.

Participants receive three hours of training one evening each week for 15 weeks in many of the varied functions of law enforcement. They experience some of the highlights of police training and are exposed to the operations of the police bureau. Participants are taught the basics of criminal law, search and seizure, patrol tactics, firearms and many other subjects. They learn about the processing of a crime scene, how police canines are used, and are exposed to many of the specialty police units. CPA participants meet and talk with many of the street officers as well as the command staff and training staff that serves them. All this takes place in a safe and entertaining training environment.

Instructors are law enforcement professionals who teach both veteran and recruit police officers. Students leave this training with a greater understanding of the police mission and with an increased ability to see how the police serve the community.

This program is not an accredited certification course to become a sworn police officer.

The next session of the CPA will begin on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at the Banksville Park Shelter located at Crane Avenue and Carnahan Road in the Banksville neighborhood of the City. The program will be held each Tuesday evening, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for 15 weeks.

Class size is limited to 30 participants. All interested persons must complete an application and give permission for the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police to conduct a background check to determine if they have a criminal record. The CPA application can be found at http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/police/citizens_police_academy.htm. Please return applications by U.S. mail or hand-deliver to the Pittsburgh Police Training Academy. All applications must be received by August 17, 2012.

For more information on the City of Pittsburgh Citizen's Police Academy, please contact Lieutenant Jennifer Ford at:

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