



SALON CRISTIANNA

Ten years ago **Christine Ardolino** and her husband Jeff took a risk and bought 750 Brookline Boulevard as the home for **Salon Cristianna**. After several years of renovations completed by the couple, both the salon and two apartments were open.

“I had a shop in Baldwin for 10 years that I rented. I wanted to make a long-term investment for my family. I knew I needed to take a chance and didn’t want to regret not doing something later. We have a family connection to Brookline, and I knew an investment in

the neighborhood would be a good one,” said **Christine Ardolino**.

“Many years ago I worked at a high-end salon in the mall. Everyone came from Brookline to get their hair done. I thought, if I opened something like this on the boulevard, they wouldn’t have to leave their neighborhood. People want quality work for their money and they deserve it,” Ardolino said.

Salon Cristianna specializes in new and trendy hair color, highlights, cuts and Balmain hair extensions. Ardolino uses Framesi hair color, a vegetable-based product low in ammonia. Clients will find the Tuesday – Saturday hours accommodating. Walk-ins are also welcome.

“I was surprised by the number of walk-in clients I gained during the first few years here. I still get a nice volume of walk-in clients each week.”

Ardolino attended the Vidal Sassoon School of Hair and continues to go back to New York for hair shows to continue learning and stay current with modern styles and techniques.

“There is a lot to learn out there, and I like to learn the new trends and adapt them to work here. It’s great to get out of here every once in a while and get inspired.”

Salon Cristianna has regular programs to keep clients happy and coming back. A client-referral program offers both the referring and the receiving client \$5 off their services. The salon also participates in the **Because You’re Mine, I Shop the Line Boulevard Bucks** program. Starting in November you can purchase a \$50 gift certificate good for \$60 worth of services after the New Year.

Ardolino likes the evolution of Brookline Boulevard and thinks that things will only get better.

“It has been great to see people get inspired to fix up their buildings. Even with just a fresh coat of paint a lot of people have done a lot of nice things.”

“Brookline is coming up. It will take some time to bring it all together, but it’s happening. Even though the reconstruction of the Boulevard will have some inconveniences, it will be worth it in the long run. It’s putting Brookline on the map.”

Salon Cristianna is located at 750 Brookline Boulevard. Hours are 11am – 7pm Tues. & Thurs., 9am – 1pm Wed., and 9am-3pm on Fri. & Sat. Make your appointment by calling 412-343-2212. Find them on Facebook at **SalonCristianna.ChristineArdolino**. And did we mention? Bring in a copy of this article during the month of October and receive \$10 off your hair cut.

-Megan Stearman

-Photos by Melissa Distel





Letter from the Editor

Fall is here and you can smell it in the air. Soon enough it will be hunkering down season so we are taking full advantage of the final warm, sunny days of 2012.

Brookline made the evening news last month with the rash of thefts from homes and autos. By the time we were on the news, **Commander Scott Schubert** and his outstanding officers from Zone 6 already had the suspects in custody. Now the police are trying to return the stolen items. If you were a victim, see the article on page 3. We would like to remind you to lock your car even if it's in your driveway. Don't leave the house windows and doors unlocked. Today's world is no longer "Ozzie and Harriet;" it is "Breaking Bad." Denial of that fact only helps the thieves.

We had so much information this month that we didn't have room to tell you about our Adopt-A-Block Meet and Greet at **Cannon Coffee**. Ten members attended the event. **Nathan Mallory** and **Ben Haake** at **Cannon Coffee** provided refreshments under a serious handicap. Their water line was under repair and for a time the shop had no water. After everyone introduced themselves, we began discussing ways to be proactive about littering so there would be less to clean up. You will be hearing more about these ideas in coming issues. The group is still hammering out the details.

One idea will begin in the next issue. We will print a photo of a property that has been reported to 311 numerous times with no results. We are pleased that people outside of Brookline are interested in investing in our community, AND we want those people to understand that their investment CANNOT stop after closing. It will be your job to let us know about a property that is neglected. You should contact 311 first. We believe the owner should have the opportunity to correct the problem. If 311 has been contacted and nothing happens, we will print a photo of the property. We will also print photos of particularly bad litter sites.

Now we want to hear from you. Is there a property or littered area in your neighborhood? If you have a picture, send it or let us know and we will take the picture. Email with "litter" in the subject line, mail or call us. Our contact information is below on the right. Working together we can clean it up!

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READERS' RESPONSE

"One more thing, all the talk about litter has me thinking we should include [in the newsletter] something about putting your trash out at the curb. With a reminder it shouldn't be done too early! Walking my dogs every night, I notice a lot of cheap bags, untied bags, bags with holes, etc that let trash out and after the collection takes place. I really think that's where a lot of loose trash comes from! People don't seem to think about that. Also, unkempt recycle bags seem to be a big problem."

-Amy Fisher



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AUGUST

CRIMES ZONE 6	Total	Brookline
Aggravated Assault	4	0
Rape	1	0
Robbery	11	1
Burglary	36	8
Theft	37	11
Theft from Vehicle	30	13
Stolen Vehicle	7	2

WERE YOU A VICTIM?



Last month the community of Brookline experienced a high number of theft-from-auto cases. Zone 6 Detectives actively investigated the crime spree and developed a female suspect who resides in the 800 Block of Fordham Street. On 9/7/12 at 1548 hours, Zone 6 detectives and officers went to the suspect's apartment to serve an arrest warrant. During the course of the investigation, detectives seized illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, and a large amount of stolen items (jewelry, clothing, electronic items, sunglasses, wallets, purses, etc.).

Property owners have been identified for some of the stolen items and detectives are in the process of cataloguing the evidence so as to identify ownership of the remaining unclaimed property. Based on the investigation it is believed that the female actor entered over 100 unlocked vehicles in the Brookline area and stole any items of value. It is also believed that there are many victims who may not have filed police reports. Potential victims are encouraged to contact Zone 6 Detectives at 412-937-3051 if they believe they were a victim of Theft from Auto in Brookline over the past 30 days.

-Zone 6 Community Crime Update 9/1 - 9/9

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October finds our students on the road again. The volleyball and soccer teams are well into their schedules, traveling to the northern and southern regions of the diocese. The pre-school and kindergarten have scheduled a visit to the pumpkin patch and 1st and 2nd grades are off to the farm. 8th grade students will spend the day at Seton LaSalle High School and the 7th and 8th graders will attend the History Day Kickoff at the Heinz Regional History Center. Our teachers will be on the road as they attend two days of in-service to update their training to continue the Olweus Bullying Prevention program in our schools.

Many thanks to the parents, families and friends who helped to make our Annual Fitness Walk such a success! A big thank you to **Mrs. Barb Dayieb** for her leadership on the project.

Our final October thank you goes to **BRC** alumni **Brendan Vaughan**. Brendan completed his Eagle project at **BRC** and will receive the rank of Eagle Scout in late October. Brendan organized the renovation of the gym equipment and locker rooms. His efforts have streamlined preparing for classes and provided a locker room that is most welcoming for visiting teams. Brendan is currently a freshman at St. Vincent College and is the son of **Mike** and **Meg Vaughan** of Brookline. We thank him and congratulate him on his accomplishments. Brendan and alumni like him offer further proof that "great beginnings last a lifetime." Stop in to see our students in action.

-Janet Salley Rakoczy



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'Ink Master' To Feature Brookline Tattoo Artist



Brookline is about to leave a permanent mark on the tattoo industry. When the new season of 'Ink Master' premieres on Spike TV in October, it will feature one of the Boulevard's own: artist **Sarah Miller** of **Wyld Chyld Tattoo**. The shop manager is one of 16 'Ink Master' contestants trying for a \$100,000 grand prize. She said the show is an unmatched experience for artists. "It's something like boot camp for tattooing," Miller said. "Fun, but it's definitely sink or swim." The 27-year-old can handle the pressure. Miller is a jack-of-all-trades around the **Brookline Boulevard** shop, which opened in March. She is its owner, an illustrator/designer and tattoo artist. She also is responsible for the interior design of the shop, and the logo she designed for the Brookline store is becoming standard at all **Wyld Chyld** locations. With the show set to air, and the level of talent she will be competing against, the experience could seem intimidating for someone who is fairly fresh to the tattoo industry, but Miller is not going to back down. "When you're running a shop you have to multitask in your sleep," she said. "It will definitely give me an edge in the competition."

The show gave Miller a chance to focus on tattooing, something she didn't imagine she'd be doing when she moved to Pittsburgh a few years ago to study graphic design at the Art Institute.

Her college roommate was a tattoo artist, and suggested Miller get into the field after seeing her drawings. "I thought, no, no, no way," Miller said. "But she set up a machine and let me try on a grapefruit. I've been tattooing for almost seven years now."

Miller's hometown is New York City, but she lives on the North Side now and is planning to move to Brookline soon. She said she talked about Brookline when interviewed for 'Ink Master'.

"I talk about how quaint the neighborhood is, how we have **Cannon Coffee** and the **Brookline Pub**, and the hominess of the whole community," she said. "I really just wanted to touch base on that."

If she wins, Miller wants to make improvements around the store, pay off student loans and invest a bit. But if she doesn't win, she said the experience still was worth it.

"Being involved in this show really showed me the true strength of what I can do," Miller said. "What can you do in the most extreme of circumstances? What can you push yourself to do when you have a singular goal in mind? It's go time." *'Ink Master' premieres Oct. 9 at 10 p.m., and a premier party will be held that night at Brookline Pub. Stay tuned for details!*

-Erin Faulk

[This article originally appeared in the [Dormont-BrooklinePatch](#) on September 6, 2012. We want to thank them for sharing this article with us.]



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Additionally, the Pennsylvania Department of Health is now issuing free birth certificates to ensure voters will have the ability to obtain an acceptable form of photo identification. The Health Department is also giving full \$10 refunds to those individuals who have already paid for their birth certificate for the purpose of meeting voter ID requirements. In order to be eligible for this refund, an individual's birth certificate must have been issued between the dates of March 14, 2012 and June 12, 2012.

Below is a listing of permissible documentation needed to obtain a Pennsylvania ID:

- Social Security card
- One of the following: Birth certificate with a raised seal, a 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

Along with my continued fight against voter ID Laws, I am one of 25 state representatives who signed a discharge petition filed by state Rep. Brandon Neuman, D-Washington. This petition allows us to force a vote on bipartisan-sponsored legislation—H.R. 520—that would urge U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania to investigate the state's, and specifically Former Attorney General Tom Corbett's, handling of the Jerry Sandusky investigation.

In the House, if a committee does not report a bill within 30 days of receiving it, any member may file a discharge petition to force the bill to the full House for consideration. A vote on this important legislation will resume in the fall session, and I strongly support doing so. As a legislator, and as a parent, I am deeply troubled by the unanswered questions about this horrific case.

I have also been working with State and local leaders, members of the Allegheny County Legislative Delegation, and Port Authority executive leadership to find funding sources and avoid potentially devastating service cuts planned for Allegheny County's ACCESS shared-ride program (transportation for Senior Citizens and People with Disabilities). Initially, Port Authority had been scheduled to reduce service hours and service areas, beginning September 2.

Due to the unabated work of the individuals mentioned above, the Port Authority board, voted to amend its current budget, and accept \$3.65 million from the state and federal funding sources. Federal funding for Port Authority will come from two programs aimed at benefiting riders with disabilities. Moreover, this funding will ensure the ACCESS shared-ride program will continue for at least another 12 months, unchanged. This is, however, only a temporary solution; thus, I will continue to work addressing the broader, more serious funding issues that threaten mass transit and the people who rely on it in across Pennsylvania.

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BROOKLINE FALL CLEAN-UP

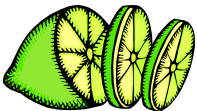


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-Keith Knecht

[This is a great opportunity to meet other Brookline residents who care about keeping the community clean. Consider participating either by coming to this event, or by picking up litter in front of your house and the alley in back and trim any high weeds at curbside. If you are a homeowner on the high side of the street, make this the day you check out the front of your property. Quite often high-side property owners enter and exit their homes in the back so they miss the trash collecting in front. If you have ground cover in front, like honeysuckle or hedges, you will be amazed at the number of bottles and cans that have been deposited in the greenery. The Editor]



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Festival, which will include a pumpkin patch for the children sponsored by our PTO, a dance for the 4th and 5th graders and a parade on Wednesday, October 31, 2012.

Are you looking to do some community work? We could use your help. We are in need of monitors during our lunchtime from 12:00 till 12:40pm. If you only have 1 or 2 days you could commit, we are flexible and will accommodate your schedule. We are also in need of adults who will read with our children (the reading materials are provided by the teacher). If you only have an hour a week to donate, you will make the world of difference to a child. You will need to have your child abuse and criminal clearances. You can access an application for the clearances on the district's website. Maybe you are able to do a short-term volunteer job. We currently need some volunteers to weed and mulch the garden outside of our school to prepare it for the upcoming cold months. If you can volunteer for any of the above community work, please call **Sharon Brunk** at 412-571-7420. All help is greatly appreciated!

With October coming to a close, stay tuned as we get ready for our November activities. Remember **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** is "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."

Kathy Moran, Principal
Teresa Grusong-Adams, First Grade Teacher
 Photos provided by *Teresa Grusong-Adams*

We had a great turnout for our back-to-school event. Not only did it offer an opportunity for our staff and parents to meet each other, but it did so in a social setting. Part of the social activities was a giveaway which included 18 baskets of prizes. A good time was had by all. Another event held this month was our 9/11 Celebration of our local heroes. At this event, we acknowledged the neighborhood firefighters, police, EMS and others who serve the community. This is our opportunity to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

We will be having an Open House on October 8. During this time, the teachers will meet with the parents. The PTO will hold a bake sale and a vendor show. If anyone is interested in becoming a vendor, contact **Nicole Darden** at 412-889-5747. There is a \$10 table fee (tables will be provided). We are also asking for a donation for the Chinese auction. You can bring your donations to the school. Other upcoming events are our Harvest



We were honored to have **State Senator Fontana** as our guest speaker at our Sept. 11th remembrance ceremony. He spoke to the children and told them they are our future.





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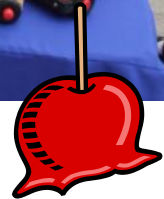
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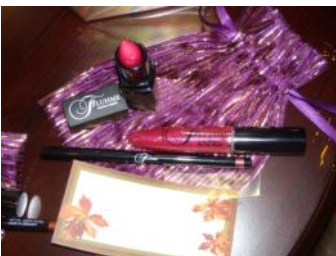


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SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

Election Day will be here before we know it and I want to make sure your vote will count. Act 18 of 2012, which was signed into law by Governor Corbett on March 20, requires all registered voters to have an acceptable form of photo identification that you will need to provide at your polling place before voting. As I write this, the State Supreme Court is preparing to hear arguments on the constitutionality of this new law. Since we do not know how the Court will decide, we must move forward with ensuring that registered voters have the ability to have their voices heard on Election Day.

My biggest problem with this new law is the burden being placed on those who do not possess a photo ID to get one. The process of obtaining a valid photo identification card needs to be simpler and more convenient. For those individuals who do not have a driver's license, obtaining the necessary supporting documentation and getting to a Driver License Center can be a serious challenge. That is why I have asked the Governor to authorize neighborhood Voter ID centers. I have also asked him to allow state elected officials' offices to serve as a facilitator for those not possessing a valid photo ID. For example, anyone needing photo identification could visit my office, or any state elected official's office, fill out the necessary paperwork, and have your photo taken. The office would then scan and send the information to PennDOT, where PennDOT officials could verify the information before printing and mailing the ID card to the person applying. The Administration has not directly answered my request to date.

My office processed 570 PennDOT requests from constituents during the 2nd quarter of 2012 alone. Processing information to PennDOT so registered voters can more easily obtain photo identification would be no different than the many other requests we process through PennDOT every day.

While I continue speaking with the Administration on this request, please know that my office is ready, willing and able to help if you have any questions related to the Voter ID law. My staff can provide you the necessary forms needed for a photo ID and can help determine if the photo ID you do possess is acceptable for voting. If you're not sure if what you have is acceptable, please contact one of my district offices. You may also visit my website at www.senatorfontana.com to review the list of acceptable forms of identification.



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 reaching 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. 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 & Edgebrook - 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

900 Woodbourne Ave. - Diane Walkowski & Mary Anne Miller

8/21/12 - Diane: 2 Gallons—mostly cigarette butts

8/28/12 - Mary Anne: One tall kitchen bag of trash - mostly cardboard, tissues, cig butts, & three plastic bottles.

600 Mayville - Peg Sherwood & Mac

500 Berkshire - Sarah McCalla

900 to1100 Berkshire - Fred & Linda Smith Family

Area bordered by Berwin, Birtley, Pioneer & Beaufort - Neal & Stewart Families

Plainview Ave. from Jillson to Capital - Jim Sheppard

TRASH DECOMPOSITION TEST ANSWERS:

Aluminum Can: 80-200 years

Styrofoam Cup: 50 years

<http://www.greenlivingtips.com/articles/311/1/Waste-decomposition-rates.html>





COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

Keeping our neighborhoods clean is one of the most important responsibilities we all have. I'm so grateful to the members of the Brookline community who take the initiative to help keep this area clean, such as the Sunday afternoon Boulevard litter patrol and those residents who have pledged to adopt their blocks. But this month, I want to talk about littering's bigger, nastier brother: dumping.

The hilly and wooded topography of South Pittsburgh is a wonderful resource for recreation and relaxation-- it's part of what makes District 4 such a hidden gem. Unfortunately, these hills and trees offer cover and opportunity for illegal dumping. We've all seen it...hillsides littered with tires, building material, and excessive yard waste--dumped there by mechanics, contractors and landscapers who don't want to pay for proper disposal. Last year, we hosted a clean up where nearly 100 volunteers come out to help clean up our community. In one day, the volunteers collected seven tons of trash, including enough tires for 35 cars!

Dumping erodes community pride and spoils our quality of life. In Pittsburgh, dumping is illegal and is punishable by up to \$5,000 for the first offense and up to \$10,000 for additional offenses, plus court costs. Dumping of tires is of particular concern, because they can collect standing water and become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. If at any point you see dumping taking place in parks or public spaces, please call 9-1-1 immediately so that offenders can be caught in the act and issued a citation. If you have any questions about how to dispose of particular trash, you can reach out to the city's Bureau of Environmental Services at 412-937-3054.

I am proud to announce that our office will be hosting a massive community cleanup in District 4 this fall focusing on dumping. We will be providing cleanup supplies, snacks and water, but we would love to have you, your friends, family, and neighbors join us! Details:

What: The Big South Pittsburgh Clean-Up! hosted by the Office of Councilwoman Rudiak

Where: Dumping sites across South Pittsburgh, including Brookline

When: Saturday October 20, 2012 8:00am-11:30am and 11:30am-3:00pm (Rain or shine!)

Who: YOU!

You can register to help out by calling my office at 412-255-2131 or filling out the form at <http://goo.gl/94p59>. Please fill out the form to let me know how many supplies (including snacks!) to get.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call my office at 412-255-2131.



BROOKLINE'S MISS CONGENIALITY



By now **Melissa Granatire** is well into the fall semester of her sophomore year at Penn State Main, but in July she was participating in America's National Teenager Scholarship Organization as Miss Pennsylvania. She made Top Ten and was voted Miss Congeniality by the other participants.

Contestants competed based on academics, community service, extracurricular activities and traditional pageant categories. Granatire and the other participants interviewed one-on-one with the judges and answered on-stage questions. Because of her hopes to operate a fitness empire, Granatire was asked what she would do to promote fitness. She answered by discussing her platform, "Fit with Melissa." Granatire has spoken at schools and used hip-hop aerobics to raise money for breast-cancer research. She hopes to be able to do more public speaking on her platform in the future.

Granatire, who grew up on Whited Street, graduated from CAPA in 2011, where she studied dance. At Penn State she studies Kinesiology with a minor in Entrepreneurship.

-Mathew Meyer

At left: **Melissa Granatire** being crowned Miss Congeniality. Photo provided by Melissa's mother **Kim Granatire**



BROOKLINE RECREATION CENTER



Weight Room and Fitness Center

Our new FREE weight room and fitness center includes an assortment of weight-lifting and cardio work-out 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 6:00-8:30pm. 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-over are welcome.

Martial Arts

Learn the fundamentals of Tae Kwon Do with our trained instructor Adrian Scarpari of Se Jong Tae Kwon Do. 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.

Yoga

Relax your mind, body and spirit Tuesday evenings from 6:15pm -7:30pm with our certified instructor. Program runs in six week sessions. Cost per session: \$50. Cost is pro-rated for late enrollees. Bring your own mat!



Body Sculpting

Work out Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:15pm -7:30pm with our trained instructor, Roxanne Eibeck. Sessions run for five weeks (twice a week), starting October 1. Cost: \$30/session (10 workouts). Cost pro-rated for late enrollees. Bring your own mat.

Basketball-Open Gym

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

Instructional Indoor Soccer League

Boys and girls ages 4 to 6 welcome. League runs from November 17 through the end of March. Games played on Saturdays. Practices are held during the week (practice dates and times to be announced). Cost: \$20/ player. Deadline for registration is October 31. Roster positions are limited.



Three-On-Three Soccer (Ages 7-9)

We are offering a 3-on-3 indoor soccer program for boys and girls ages 7 to 9. Games will be played on Thursday evenings beginning mid-November, from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. Cost \$20/player. Shin guards and mouthpiece required. Roster positions are limited. SIGN UP NOW!

Instructional Basketball Clinic

Boys and girls ages 6 to 8 are welcome at this six-week clinic. Practice basketball fundamentals on Saturdays from October 6 through November 10. The clinic runs from 12:00 - 2:00pm. Cost: \$10/participant. Come learn the basics with coach Milan Tyler.

Cadet Colorguard and Twirling Team

Boys and girls ages 5-11 learn to swing a flag, twirl a baton and do basic dance moves. Train to compete in TOB/TIA competitions. Weekly practices will be held Thursdays from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Signups will be held on October 20 from noon to 1:30pm at Moore Park Recreation Center. Cost: \$25/student. Limited spots available. Visit website at www.exquisiteperformance.org.



Women's Discussion Group

Group meet Tuesdays from 7:30pm - 8:45pm beginning on October 16. Meet with guest speakers, work on crafts, learn new healthy ways to prepare good food and have fun. Group meets for 10 weeks until December 18.



Writing Club

Club will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month from 1:30pm—3:00pm. FREE to all kids ages first through twelfth grade. Join our instructor as she provides a supportive place for kids to share their creative work.

Kindersports/Storytime

Boys and girls ages 0-5 are invited to come and play games and read books on Wednesday mornings beginning October 3, from 11:00 - 12:00pm. Play basketball, kickball, bowling and more. FREE.

Spanish Introduction

Boys and girls ages 10 - up are invited to this six-week course to learn conversational Spanish. Classes held on Saturday from noon to 1:00pm, beginning on October 17. Cost: \$30/student.

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



COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS MONTH

October 8 Monday

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

October 9 Tuesday

Brookline Block Watch 6:30PM at Magistrate Jim Motznik's office 736 Brookline Blvd. **20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY**

October 15 Monday

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

October 27 Saturday

Brookline Chamber of Commerce and Community Bank sponsored Brookline Halloween Parade. See details at right.

October 29 Monday

Brookline Area Community Council 7:00PM doors open. Meeting starts at 7:30PM at **St. Mark's Church** corner of Brookline Blvd. & Glenarm Ave. Please join us.

SCARECROWS ON THE BOULEVARD!

The Brookline Chamber of Commerce is introducing its first Scarecrow Competition for the Fall Season. A yearly project we are hoping will decorate our Fall windows as you walk the Boulevard. Visit the Boulevard and vote for your favorite scarecrow.

First Prize \$150.00

Second Prize \$50.00

Third Prize \$50.00

You still have time to enter your original hand-made scarecrow, but be quick about it. Competition is open to all Brookline residents, businesses and community groups. Create your own character or personality. Scarecrow must be 3 to 4 feet tall. For more rules visit a merchant who has a sign in window for details inside or call 412-563-0759.



HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 27 BROOKLINE COMMUNITY CENTER

Dress up in your favorite trick-or-treat costume. Ghouls and goblins of all ages are invited to our Halloween Party, from 12:00pm - 2:00pm. There will be crafts and other fun things to do. Lunch will be provided. A \$2.00 donation is requested per person.

BROOKLINE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Brookline Blvd. project is on schedule, and the first phase of the reconstruction is scheduled for early spring 2013 and finish in fall 2013. You can see the progress yourself by visiting the website Pittsburghfederalprojects.com

-Lois McCafferty



OPEN MIC SERIES

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

Brookline Year-Round Farm Stand



Seton Center
1900 Pioneer Ave
Wednesday
11:00AM - 6:00PM



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.

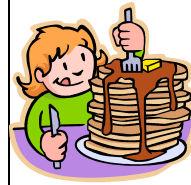
HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Brookline Chamber of Commerce and Community Bank are sponsoring the Brookline Halloween Parade. The parade will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2012 at 2:00 PM, all will assemble at the Cannon. Come join us, there will be treats, balloons and prizes.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Parents of Cub Scout Pack 601 will be holding a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, November 18th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in **Fr. Quinn Hall** at **Resurrection Church**. Prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids ages 3-10 and free for under 3 years old. Price includes pancakes, sausage, coffee and drinks for the kids. All proceeds directly benefit the Cub Scouts.



PICK UP YOUR BUTTS & WALK THE EMPTY PACK TO A TRASH CAN!



CVS accepts food donations for the Brookline Christian Food Pantry

2012 GIRL'S PINTO LEAGUE WINNERS



The 2012 Rita's Italian Ice Girl's Pinto League team photo we ran in the September 2012 issue was the 2011 team. Amy Thomas supplied us with this photo of the 2012 team.



Let's Have a Rockin' Good Time!!

Please join Resurrection Church for a dinner dance with **Johnny Angel & The Halos** for an evening of nostalgia, dancing, food and just plain old fellowship and fun!

Saturday, October 20, 2012 Resurrection Church Gym
1000 Creedmoor Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15226

Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Resurrection Church Rectory at 412-563-4400

Doors open at 7 PM BYOB and set ups will be provided
7 to 8:30 A buffet will be served Music and dancing till 11
Proceeds will benefit the much needed parking lot repaving.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS PLUNGE

Once again **Commander Scott Schubert** will not only be plunging with **Pittsburgh Police Team Zone Six** at the Pittsburgh Polar Plunge for Special Olympics of Pennsylvania, but he will also be participating in the Special Olympics Super Plunge at PNC Park on Friday, November 30. As a Super Plunger, **Commander Schubert** will be jumping into the Allegheny River every hour for 24 hours straight. You can donate by going to www.pittsburghplunge.org and click on the red sponsor plunger tab. This will redirect you to the Polar Plunge page where you can search for **Commander Schubert**. You can also click on the Super Plunge box below the photo and his name will be listed on that page as well. <http://www.specialolympicspa.org/specialevents/polar-plunge/136-pittsburgh-super-plunge>.

FASHIONS ON THE BOULEVARD



Fashions on the Boulevard. What a fabulous day along Brookline Boulevard, a perfect day for a photo-shoot! The weather was beautiful and so was our model. **Jacqueline's Salon** along with **Melissa Distel Photography** put together a day of fashion and beauty along the Boulevard, and we highlighted and promoted businesses along the way. First up was at the beginning of the Boulevard and Pioneer. We wanted to capture the real beauty of Brookline as we strolled by, stopping and highlighting many different stops along the way. We want to capture all the great places to visit, the Firehouse, **Coffee Cannon**, **A Boss Optical**, and making a stop at the **Cannon Memorial** for some awesome photos. This is a great opportunity for Brookline to network and

come together as a community. Our next adventure for Fashions on the Boulevard will be to really focus on one business and create a theme to go along with it. Stay tuned to see the real beauty of Brookline in a new and exciting way.

To kick off Fashions On The Boulevard, my vision was to show the natural and organic side of fashion. The dress that Allyn is wearing is all natural fibers of alpaca. This design was created by Debra Weiss. Her boutique is called Fashions and Designer Gallery Intl. Debra Weiss and Co. <http://fashionanddesignergalleryintl.com> more information.

Our model's hair and makeup are from **Jacqueline's Victorian Collection**. The vision for the hair is to show how textures of hair can work together. Back in the 1820s in the Victorian Era, the women were trying to understand how to manage their hair. Hair was frizzy, severely damaged and scorched, with a wool-like texture. In 1872 the Marcel iron was invented. With this collection, we are showing how to transform the frizz to softness. So take a step back in time when history helps to change the future in hair texture, shape and softness. We will be showing many more styles from this collection at Pittsburgh Fashion Week at the Clarion Hotel in Greentree on September 29. Back-to-back runway shows and our show along with Debi Weiss and her collections.

Brookline has so many wonderful businesses to try, we hope you enjoy the beauty of Brookline with us. Fashions on the Boulevard is a great way to see BROOKLINE!

*Jacqueline Capatolla, Jacqueline's Salon www.jacquelinesnews.com
Melissa Distel, Melissa Distel Photography www.melissadistel.com*





CITY OF PITTSBURGH

"AMERICA'S MOST LIVABLE CITY"

Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

Dear Neighbors,

I recently had the honor of presenting Pittsburgh's economic revitalization and transformation story to more than 100 leaders at the White House Forum on Urban Innovation. As one of only eight selected speakers, I was given the opportunity to speak about the ways that we, here in Pittsburgh, continue to create jobs, improve our economy and strengthen our neighborhoods through strong partnerships. I was also asked to speak about The Pittsburgh Promise scholarship program and how it's helping improve the City's schools and enabling students to achieve the dream of higher education. As always, I was extremely proud to promote Pittsburgh, especially to our Nation's leaders.

It's opportunities like these that continue to draw in accolades from national and international outlets. Recently, a RealSTATS housing market analysis rated Pittsburgh one of the best housing markets of over 400 regions studied. *The Economist* ranked us 30th among 50 most livable cities in the world (and the only city in the continental U.S!), and *Forbes.com* names Pittsburgh one of "25 Best Places to Retire in 2012." The list goes on, and the resounding message is clear – Pittsburgh is a growing city, a revitalized city, a thriving city.

Receiving these recognitions presents new opportunities for the City of Pittsburgh. On October 18-22, Pittsburgh will host the 2012 One Young World Summit. This premier global forum will connect over 1,000 young leaders from around the world, bringing together the youngest and brightest, helping them make lasting connections to create positive change. I couldn't be happier to have such a prestigious and unique event take place in our City.

Be the first to learn about our City's latest achievements and recognitions by visiting our website, liking us on Facebook and following us on Twitter (see below). Stay informed, get involved and do your part to help Pittsburgh remain America's "Most Livable City" for years to come!

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

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Johnny Angel & the Halos

Ressi Rocks

Let's Have a Rockn' Good Time!!

Please join Resurrection Church for a dinner dance with Johnny Angel & The Halos for an evening of nostalgia, dancing, good food, and just plain old fellowship and fun

Saturday October 20th, 2012

The Resurrection Church Gymnasium

1100 Creedmoor Ave

Pittsburgh, PA 15226

Tickets are \$45/person and go on sale beginning Sept 1st

Includes Music, Barbeque Buffet, Coffee Bar, Desserts, Beer, and Mixer Set Ups

BYOB

To purchase tickets please contact the Rectory at 412-563-4400. Tickets may be purchased with Check or Cash only and during normal Rectory hours –9AM to 3PM. Arrangements for pick up may be made. Tickets available on a first come/first serve basis. Upon order they will be held for four business days. Advance Ticket Sales Only. Sorry no refunds

Doors Open at 7:00 PM

Buffet Dinner served from 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Music & Dancing 8:30 PM to 11:00 PM

Live performance by Johnny Angel & the Halos with DJ music during band breaks

Proceeds will benefit the much needed re-pavement of the parking lot

Please refer to the Church Bulletin and web site www.eressi.com for updates & information



Halloween Parade



Saturday, October 27, 2012
2:00 PM

Assemble at the Cannon

Sponsored by:



treats - balloons - prizes



2012 PITTSBURGH SUPER PLUNGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Hello,

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

I need your help! As a Super Plunger, I'm committed to raising \$20,000 for Special Olympics and jumping into the Allegheny River every hour for 24 hours straight. Giving up 24 hours of my life and jumping into the cold water is well worth it when I think of the commitment, determination, respect, and joy the amazing athletes feel when they participate in various Special Olympic events. I'm confident their smiles will keep me warm in the cold water!

Any assistance or support you can provide is greatly appreciated. Please go to www.pittsburghplunge.org and click on the red sponsor plunger tab. This will redirect sponsors to the Polar Plunge page so you can search my name. You can also click on the Super Plunge box and my name will be listed on that page as well.

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



www.plungepa.org

Friday, November 30th through Saturday, December 1st noon to noon!

Location: North Shore at PNC Park.

What is the Super Plunge? Over a 24 hour period, Super Plungers will take 24 icy dips (once every hour) into a body of frigid water. All Super plungers will live at the Super Plunge site during this intense, fun and wild round-the-clock adventure.

Sunday, December 2nd 0900 AM to 2:00 PM!

Location: Heinz Field

In addition to the Super Plunge, I will also plunge several more times during the Pittsburgh Polar Plunge at Heinz Field. All of my friends, colleagues and sponsors are cordially invited to visit each event and cheer me on as I jump into the river nearly 30 times for Special Olympics. Come down and watch as I'm "Freezin for a Reason!!!"



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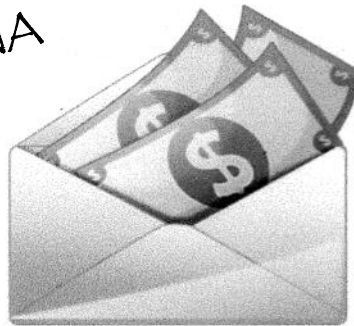
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