

SUNS OF INTANITY, INC.



Almost a year ago, two friends and their daughters began their adventure in business. This past January, **Dana, Kandace** and **Stefani Mandarino** partnered with **Kristen** and **Lainey McCracken** to open **Suns of Intanity**, the second generation of the salon **Wanna Be Tan**.

“I worked for 15 years at **Wanna Be Tan** with **Kristen**, whose mom owned the shop. She was ready to retire, so it was natural that we bought the business,” said **Dana Mandarino**, owner.

Following a fire in 2008, the salon moved a few doors down into the former **Carlson’s Drug Store**.



From left to right: **Kristen McCracken, Kandace Mandarino** and **Dana Mandarino**.

After working day and night on renovations, the team was able to reopen in only two weeks time.

“We didn’t want to inconvenience our guests and that meant being open as soon as possible. There were six of us – family and friends – working non-stop. The place hadn’t been touched since 1950,” Mandarino said.

All the hard work paid off. A clean, bright blue shop accented with greens and oranges welcomes you and puts you in a relaxed, beach frame of mind.

Suns of Intanity offers three levels of beds – lay down, ultra-bronzing and standing. A variety of options including monthly passes, packs of sessions or walk-in appointments are available. They also carry top-of-the-line tanning products.

“We make sure to educate our guests on the safe way to tan and won’t allow overuse. We are committed to tanning responsibly,” Mandarino said.

When done properly, tanning in a salon is safe and effective. People may not realize that aside from giving skin a healthy glow, tanning can provide relief from ailments such as fibromyalgia, arthritis, eczema, psoriasis and acne.

Suns of Intanity is run by family and friends from the neighborhood who love Brookline.

“The renovation that is happening along Brookline Boulevard is exciting. The project planned for the street is only going to up the attraction value. I think we are going to realize a huge regeneration of the Boulevard.”

Boulevard Bucks are accepted here.

Suns of Intanity is open Monday through Thursday from 10am to 8pm; Friday from 10am to 7pm; Saturday from 10am to 4pm; and Sunday 10am to 3pm.

-Megan Stearman
-Photos by *Melissa Distel*



Letter from the Editor

Last month we overheard a clerk on the Boulevard complaining about a change in the race and ethnic makeup of her customers, and she was not happy.

***"It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory."* W. Edward Deming**

Frankly we want to see Brookline survive and grow. That means we will have to welcome new and different businesses. Some of these businesses we will frequent. For instance, did you know that Brookline now has a cupcake shop? **Alexandra Hagen** opened **LeCupcake Shoppe** at 109 Capital Avenue on October 4. We recommend the chocolate peanut butter cake pops. We will definitely be frequenting that business.

Sarah Miller from **Wyld Chyld Tattoo** will be bringing more people to Brookline after her appearance on Ink Masters. Have you seen her work? Did you watch the show? Sarah is an artist with a different canvas. Alas, we do not see a tattoo in our future, but what we do see are the new faces coming to Brookline as a result of Sarah's appearance on the reality show. The last time we heard Sarah was booked through January. New people will come for a tattoo and stay to have coffee at **Cannon Coffee** or get a pizza at **Antonio's** or pretzels at **Vinnie's**.

***"If you don't like something, change it; if you can't change it, change the way you think about it."* Mary Engelbreit**

There are some things we don't like. We don't like absentee landlords who don't maintain their properties. We don't like litter on the Boulevard or in the neighborhood. We don't like crime. We can change these things. We report negligent property owners to 311. We pick up litter in our neighborhood and on the Boulevard. When we see a crime being committed we call 911, and we attend Block Watch Meetings.

We are not convinced that the variety of new faces in our community are a threat to our community. After all, we were once new faces in Brookline. We like to think we added something positive to the community. Now, it is our turn to offer the opportunity to others. Offering an opportunity doesn't mean we tolerate crime, neglected property or inappropriate behavior. We have to stand up for what we want our community to be while we welcome new faces and new energy.

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Aggravated Assault	8	0
Robbery	7	1
Burglary	42	14
Theft	39	8
Theft from Vehicle	36	19
Stolen Vehicle	6	0

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JOANNE'S CORNER

Well, we had another successful Brookline '50s Picnic. Over 200 used-to-be kids from the hood. Speaking of former Brookliners, I'm sure you all know of Jimmy Beaumont & the Skyliners. I just saw a made in Pittsburgh movie called "Since I Don't Have You." That was the title of one of their hit songs. In 1959 it was #1 on the charts. The movie was produced by the son of Janet Vogel Rapp, lead girl singer of the Skyliners. They are all from Carrick, but Janet lived on Woodbourne and Fordham in the sixties. Anyone remember? She had a tragic life, a no-good husband and ended up taking her own life. Very sad. Although, it was a wonderful movie. Sold out every night.

On another note, does anyone know when seamless nylons came in? I think in the early '50s. I'll be anxious to hear from you!

-Joanne Fantoni



MAILBOX GRAFFITI

Pittsburgh Postmaster Joseph Meimann urges citizens to be proactive and call the Postal Service directly at 412-359-7845 to report mailbox tagging or boxes in need of repair.

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-Shadyside Newslitter (TM), Volume 8, Number 10, October 1, 2012

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

As the crisp air starts to arrive, we prepare for some more fall festivities. Before we do that, we would like to welcome new additions to our staff. **Ms. Susan Basits** is returning to our staff and will be teaching Kindergarten and **Mr. Craig Bauman** will also be teaching Kindergarten. **Mrs. Denise Deltondo**-5th grade math and **Kathy Calla**-4th grade literacy are our new Instructional Teacher Leaders and will teach with the intermediate team. Our new special subject teachers are **Mrs. Julianne Daller**-music, **Ms. Elise Deluca**-art, **Mr. Jason Cupples**-health and physical education, **Ms. Jane Wall**-instrumental music and **Ms. Linda Dawson**-library.

We had a wonderful turnout for our Open House and Parent Teacher Conferences. There was also an excellent response to our PTO's bake sale and vendor show held during our Open House. Thanks to all who came and helped support their child's education. We had a great time at our Halloween Parade and Fall Festivities. It started with a Costume Party for the 4th and 5th grade students on Friday, October 26, 2012. Then, the PTO, led by **Mrs. Heather Fulton**, had a pumpkin patch and Harvest Festival for the entire school. Every child received a pumpkin to take home. We ended the day with a Halloween Parade.

Speaking of the PTO, our PTO will be hosting a bingo on November 9, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. and the community is welcome to attend. Also, a PartyLite fundraiser will be held in November. With the upcoming holidays approaching, you might want to consider purchasing PartyLite items as gifts. We will have a food drive in November for the **Brookline Food Pantry** and the food collected will be donated toward the community's Christmas Dinners. We will also sponsor a drive to collect toiletry items for troops who are serving overseas. One last item, on November 29, WTAE television will be visiting **Pittsburgh West Liberty** to produce a weather segment with our students. Watch for this event on the evening news.

We are starting to organize our dance team for the Ballroom Dancing Competition. Stay tuned for upcoming information on our dance team. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoys the holiday with their loved ones.

Remember, **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** is the place "Where learners excel and character counts".

Kathy Moran, Principal

Teresa Grusong-Adams, First Grade Teacher



SPECIAL OLYMPICS PLUNGE

Dear Friends, Colleagues and Classmates,

I hope all is well with you and your loved ones. It's October and I'm now actively committed to my fundraising campaign for Special Olympics of Pennsylvania. As you know, I am very passionate about this cause and I'm going to do everything I can to raise \$20,000 for the remarkable athletes who benefit from events like the Polar Plunge. I was able to raise \$18,000 last year and I'm hopeful I can exceed my goal this year. Thanks to a very generous and kind person who is matching me dollar for dollar, every donation will be doubled. Therefore every little bit helps!

So far my friends have donated enough funds to exceed 10% of my goal! Thank you!!!

My birthday was on Sunday [October 7], and I asked my family and friends to donate to Special Olympics instead of buying me a gift. The joy of seeing the athletes participate in

sports and excel in life is much more meaningful to me than any birthday present.

I know times are extremely tough for everyone, but please consider helping out as I commit to jumping in the river 24 hours straight - "Freezin for a Reason". Please feel free to forward my email and flyer as you see fit. One of the greatest jobs with the Law Enforcement Torch Run is passing out medals to the athletes at various events (see attached photo). If you are an officer and want to help pass out medals at future events please contact me. Direct link to my web page: <http://www.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=1030162&lis=1&kntae1030162=E09B44E577B14C4FA6E1BFDC680311BF&supId=324048751>

Best wishes,

Scott

[We received **Commander Scott Schubert's** email after October's issue went to print.]



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-Lisa Kay Schweyer, Program Developer
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN MICHAEL SCHMOTZER

I am pleased to announce that more than \$52,000 in state arts grants have been awarded to organizations in the 22nd Legislative District:

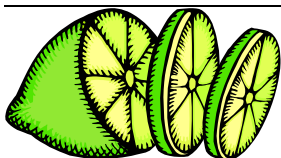
- Balmoral School of Highland Piping, \$3,448
- Manchester Craftsmen's Guild, \$37,342
- Pittsburgh Community Broadcasting (WYEP-FM), \$5,263
- Silver Eye Center for Photography, \$5,474
- South Arts, \$2,000

Residents of the 22nd District will also benefit from over \$1.4 million in grants being awarded throughout Allegheny County. These grants are: \$98,362 for the Carnegie Museum of Art, \$142,387 for the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, and more than \$11,000 total for the Pittsburgh Youth Philharmonic Orchestra and Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra plus many more.

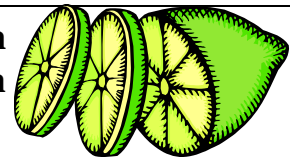
I have been working diligently to propose, support, and pass legislation to help improve our district. Last week the House Health Committee heard testimony on a bill in which I cosponsored, H.B. 1992, the proposed Health Care Facilities Workplace Violence Prevention Act. The purpose of this bill is to aid in the prevention of violence against health care workers. This bill would call for health care facilities to create an internal violence prevention committee, comprised of management and workers, which would devise strategies that keep workplace violence from occurring. This committee would assess risk, develop and maintain a detailed violence prevention plan, provide employee training, and develop an in-house crisis-response team. At least half of the committee members would have direct patient-care responsibilities, and the majority of them would be licensed nurses. H.B. 1992 would also prohibit retaliatory measures against employees who report workplace violence, and provide for state Department of Labor and Industry oversight. The two components of this bill are intended to protect employees and give the proposed law "teeth" to ensure compliance.

I am a co-sponsor on H.B. 2558 aimed at easing the transfer of professional licenses for military spouses. The proposed Military Spouse License Portability Act, introduced by Rep. Matt Smith, D-Allegheny, would allow military spouses to move more rapidly and efficiently into the workforce by providing a streamlined process in obtaining the transfer of their professional licenses into Pennsylvania. Transferring a professional license can prove time-consuming and costly, causing delays in employment and preventing the use of valuable skills in the workplace. Often, transferring a professional license becomes cumbersome to the point where military spouses abandon their careers. Under H.B. 2558, accountants, nurses, social workers and real estate agents are just a few of the types of military spouses who would benefit from being able to more quickly transition and obtain Pennsylvania licensures. Since February of this year, a dozen new states have enacted laws on this topic, bringing the total number to 23. It is important for Pennsylvania to join the growing number of states working to reduce barriers to employment for military spouses. The bill is already receiving bipartisan support, and it should be passed and signed into law this fall. Our military families need support and I fully intend on doing everything in my power to ensure they receive it.

Finally, I co-sponsored legislation that would ban drivers from using hand-held cell phones while driving. The use of a hand-held cell phone while driving is extremely dangerous and poses major safety hazards to both the driver and other motorists, as well as innocent pedestrians on the roadways. Pennsylvania has made commendable strides to reduce driving distractions, such as the ban on text messaging while driving; however, we must take the next necessary step in protecting our citizens by banning all use of hand-held cell phones while driving. The proposed bill would mirror the state's new texting ban with regard to enforcement and penalties. The use of a hand-held cell phone while driving would become a primary offense with a \$50 fine, or a \$100 fine if driving in a school zone, work zone or highway safety corridor. Exceptions to the ban would include drivers using a GPS device, when the vehicle is stopped due to a traffic obstruction and when initiating a phone call. The bill also would require the state Transportation Department to develop a public education campaign warning of the dangers of distracted driving. According to PennDot, 58 people were killed in the more than 14,000 distracted driving car accidents last year. Currently, 10 states ban the use of hand-held cell phones for drivers, including New Jersey, New York, Delaware and Maryland. Additionally, 32 states have banned all cell phone use for teen drivers. It is vital that Pennsylvania keeps up with the curve and puts driving safety in the forefront.



Lime wedges do not naturally compost when tossed on the ground. Throw them in the trash can or take them home to your compost bin!



DERELICT PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

This house at 814 Gallion Avenue is owned by Robert and Dorothy Wycoff. The Wycoffs live in Hazelwood and seem to have forgotten they own a property in Brookline. The property has been reported to 311, but as of mid-October nothing has been done. According to a neighbor, the property has been vacant for about six years.

If there's a property in your neighborhood that you have reported to 311 with no results, contact us.



BROOKLINE'S CHRISTMAS MEMORY TREE

The Brookline Chamber of Commerce Annual Memory Tree will once again be lit in memory or honor of all loved ones. Your donation will reflect the memory of a friend or loved one. The tree will be displayed in Cannon Coffee's window starting Saturday, November 24 during Brookline's Christmas Lighting Social. All names will be hung on the tree along with fellow loved ones.

In addition: Yearly the installation and maintenance of the Christmas Lighting is one of our costly projects. Your family can be recognized during the Christmas Season with a \$50 donation. Our annual budget for this program is approximately \$1,500. For more info, contact Nathan at the Cannon Coffee or Linda at A-Boss Opticians.

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 - **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.angelsplacepgh.org
- Are you unable to volunteer your time right now? You can still help many of these organizations. **Meals on Wheels** accepts cash and donations of cookies, desserts and bread. Add a grocery store gift card to your shopping cart and send it to the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry, c/o Pat Erny, 2918 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226-2038**

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

- Aesop

SOCIAL SECURITY HELPS VETERANS (AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY)

November 11 is more than just a national holiday; **Veterans Day** is a time to honor the men and women who risk their lives to protect our freedom. We at Social Security ask you to join us in saluting the men and women of the armed forces. Be sure to say “thank you” to a veteran on this important day.

For those who return home with injuries, it will be our turn to help them. If you know any wounded veterans, please let them know about Social Security’s Wounded Warriors website. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

The Wounded Warriors website answers a number of commonly asked questions, and shares other useful information about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited processing of disability claims. It is important to note that benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they are unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay does not necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

A person cannot receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit. However, the work activity is the controlling factor and not the amount of pay the person receives or military duty status.

Learn more by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

We at Social Security thank all veterans and members of the armed services for all that they do — not only on Veterans Day, but every day of the year.

-Patricia Thibault, Social Security District Manager in Pittsburgh, PA



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JUST FOR FUN HOLIDAY CONTEST

We received a donation of some rather interesting pieces that upon reflection seemed to represent four sides of the Holiday Season, the spiritual, the gift-giving, the food and the down-right hokey . We thought it might be fun to have a raffle. The raffle boxes will be in **Cannon Coffee**, or you can email us your entry or snail mail us. We need all entries in our hands no later than November 30, 2012. We will notify the winners by December 15, 2012. Look for the winners' names in our January issue. Remember these items are "Like New," and it's FREE!



The **GIFT-GIVING** side of the Holiday Season is represented by a Pfaltzgraff Christmas Heritage Basket which will come with a bag of **Cannon Coffee's** best grind.



The **FOOD** side of the Holiday Season is represented by a glass platter featuring a scene of Santa Claus guiding his sleigh up a rural road . The made in Italy platter will come with two dozen cookies from Brookline's own **Party Cake Shoppe** and **Kribel's Bakery**.



The **HOKEY** side of the Holiday Season is represented by Douglas Fir the Talking Tree. What more can we say. Douglas sings and talks. Looking for a gift for the person who has everything?



The **SPIRITUAL** side of the Holiday Season is represented by a Celestial Fabric Angel, an ethereal figure in white and gold holding a green garland.



TO ENTER: we need your name and a telephone number where we can reach you. Tell us which side of the Holiday Season you want to win. Drop your entry in the box at Cannon Coffee. Email us at mnp.grabowski@verizon.net with "Holiday Contest" in the subject line. Mail your entry to: Holiday Contest, c/o The Brookline, P.O. Box 96136, Pittsburgh, PA 15226. **DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRIES IS NOVEMBER 30, 2012.**

JUST FOR FUN HOLIDAY CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

SPIRITUAL **GIFT-GIVING** **FOOD** **HOKEY**

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TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____



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at Melissa Distel Photography*

6:00 - Holiday Social at Cannon Coffee



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SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

On October 2, Commonwealth Court Judge Robert Simpson stayed the mandatory requirements of the Voter ID law (Act 18) for at least the 2012 general election. This means that the state of the law reverts to what it was during the primary where voters can be educated about a possible requirement for photo ID in the future, but **cannot be required** to show one in order to vote.

Should voters show up at the polls on Election Day, November 6, and do not have photo ID, they must still be allowed to vote in the actual voting machine -- not be forced to complete a provisional ballot. The court did not rule on the constitutionality of the concept of voter ID, but instead indicated that it would conduct a full trial on that issue in the near future.

Eventually voters will be required to show a valid ID in order to vote in future elections. Even though you will not be required to show ID in order to vote in November, if you do not have a valid form of identification, you should begin taking steps now to ensure that your vote counts in future elections. If you need a photo ID, please contact one of my district offices and my staff and I will gladly assist you in obtaining an acceptable form of ID.

Since the photo ID requirement became law, I have been working with the Corbett Administration in an effort to make the process of obtaining a photo ID simple and more convenient for voters. I reached out several times to the Administration and asked that they create neighborhood centers and authorize state offices, including elected officials' offices, to help facilitate the process of obtaining a photo ID. My requests have been repeatedly denied by the Administration.

Moving forward, if this law is to be fully implemented in the future, I will continue my efforts to make the process of obtaining a photo ID more convenient. For the November 6 election though, I want my constituents to understand that they do not need to show a photo ID in order to vote.



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

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

9/25/12 We filled 1/3 of a 45-gallon trash bag. Multiple age groups were guilty-- litter ranged from candy wrappers to beer bottles

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

Norwich Ave. - Michael & Pamela Grabowski

900 Woodbourne Ave. - Diane Walkowski & Mary Anne Miller

9/24/12 Picked up one tall kitchen bag of trash, one can, one bottle, cigarette butts and paper

600 Mayville - Peg Sherwood & Mac

500 Berkshire - Sarah McCalla

900 to 1100 Berkshire - Fred & Linda Smith Family

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

Plainview Ave. from Jillson to Capital - Jim Sheppard

9/18/12 Picked up almost a full kitchen bag.

TRASH DECOMPOSITION TEST ANSWERS:

Cigarette Filter: 1-5 years

Plastic Bag: 10-20 years

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

Lisa lost two members of her crew and could use help cleaning Gallion.



BROOKLINE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- Site Investigations and Preliminary Design...All Tasks Completed
 - Final Design: Addressed review comments from PennDot ADA Committee and submitted revised Technically Infeasible Forms.
 - Attended utility coordination meeting with Pennsylvania American Water
 - Provided plans and cross sections to Pennsylvania American Water and coordinated with them, concerning their proposed water line relocation.
 - Anticipated in October 2012: Address review comments from PennDot /City/Maguire
- Submit final plans, specs and cost estimate to City and PennDot contract Management.
Project bid has been delayed to late October or early November, this does not affect the start date of March 2013.

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

-Lois McCafferty



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Whenever you are out and about getting everything on your list, remember to take care of yourself. Also, we should remember to be thankful for all we have.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING, AND MANY BLESSINGS!

Until next time ...live your dreams!

Jacqueline Capatolla, Jacqueline's Salon www.jacquelinesnews.com

RITA'S TEAM RECEIVES PROCLAMATION FROM THE CITY



Pittsburgh City Council

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Brookline Little League is one of the most successful athletic programs in the City of Pittsburgh, providing a nurturing experience for aspiring ballplayers since 1951; and

WHEREAS, in 1955 the Brookline Pony Boys' Little League team posted a record of 28-0, in 1964 and 1965 the American Legion Little League posted season records of 20-0 and 19-1, respectively, and in 1998 and 1999 the Portenaki Plumbing Little League team went 31-0; and

WHEREAS, all of those records were shattered this year by the Rita's Italian Ice Brookline Little League Pinto Girls' Softball Team who completed their second consecutive undefeated season, a feat matched only by the Portenaki team; and

WHEREAS, the Rita's Team went an incredible 41-0 over the last two seasons, an absolutely dominating performance in the South Hills Softball League; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 team was made up of Farrah Love, Emma Ely, Kylee Cerminara, Cameryn Davis, Casey Evans, Mia Ely, Zoe Malone, Vanessa Hudson, Caitlyn Guerriero, Mikaela Vogel, and Pam Tomassi; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 team was made up of Vanessa Hudson, Caitlyn Guerriero, Kiara Cerminara, Casey Evans, Allison Krapp, Kendal Kalanish, Cameryn Davis, Emma Ely, Kylee Cerminara, Farrah Love, and Lynsee Wering; and

WHEREAS, the coaching staff for the teams included Sean Malone, Ralph Cerminara, manager Dave Ely, Herb Davis, Greg Guerriero, and bat girl Kiara Cerminara.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh honors the truly legendary performance of the Rita's Italian Ice Pinto League Softball Team on the softball diamond; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, October 2, 2012 to be Rita's Italian Ice Team Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsored by Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak

Co-Sponsored by Council President Darlene M. Harris and Councilmembers Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Patrick Dowd, Theresa Kail-Smith, Bruce Kraus, R. Daniel Lavelle, Corey O'Connor, and William Padua

Natalia Rudiak
Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak

Attest: *Linda Johnson-Walser*
Clerk of Council

Darlene M. Harris
President of Council

Recognition continues for the Rita's Italian Ice Brookline Little League Pinto Girls' Softball Team. Tuesday, October 2, 2012, was declared Rita's Italian Ice Team Day in the City of Pittsburgh. The 2012 team members were Vanessa Hulton, Caitlyn Guerriero, Kiara Cerminara, Casey Evans, Allison Krapp, Kendal Kalanish, Cameryn Davis, Emma Ely, Kylee Cerminara, Farrah Love and Lynsee Wering. The coaches were manager Dave Ely, Herb Davis, Greg Guerriero, Sean Malone and Ralph Cerminara.

-Photos provided by Valerie Cerminara



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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 prorated 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. 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!

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. Cost: \$25/student. Limited spots available. Visit website at www.exquisiteperformance.org.



Women's Discussion Group

Group meets 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

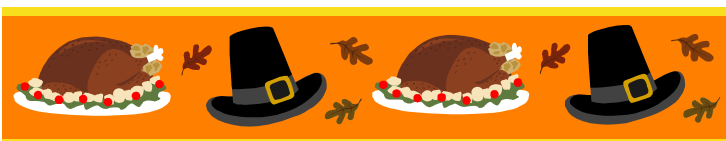
Boys and girls ages 0-5 are invited to come and play games and read books on Wednesday mornings from 11:00 - 12:00pm. Play basketball, kickball, bowling and more. FREE.

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.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS MONTH

November 12 Monday

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

November 13 Tuesday

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

November 19 Monday

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

November 26 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.



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.

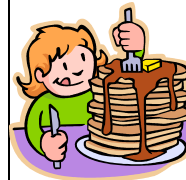


CELEBRATE THE SEASON

Come Celebrate the Season of Christmas on Brookline Boulevard with the **Brookline Chamber of Commerce**, businesses, and other community groups on **Saturday, November 24**. For children there will be story time at the **Library**, photos with Santa at **Melissa Distel Photography** and other goodies along the Boulevard. Gather with us at **Cannon Coffee** for the lighting of the Memory Tree and plenty of socializing. Stroll with the caroler along the Boulevard or just attend one of the happening events. Look for a full schedule of events posted in windows along the Boulevard by November 14. See you there. **The Brookline Chamber of Commerce** wishes all Brookliners a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

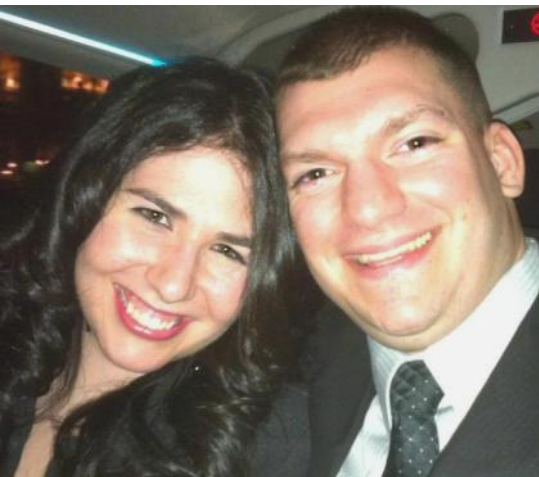
The Parents of Cub Scout Pack 601 will be holding a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, November 18th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in **Fr. Quinn Hall** at **Resurrection Church**. Prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids ages 3-10 and free for under 3 years old. Price includes pancakes, sausage, coffee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



STANDISH-ZOTTOLI ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Standish of Washington, Pennsylvania announced the engagement of their daughter Sarah N. Standish to Dominic D. Zottoli, son of Mary Zottoli of Brookline.

Sarah is a student at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine in New York City. Dominic works for the U.S. Army and is a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

An April 2013 wedding is planned at the Immaculate Conception Church in Washington, PA.



SCARECROWS ON THE BOULEVARD

Brookline's first scarecrow competition drew attention to the windows in the business district during Halloween Season.

- 1) Chef MOW by **Meals on Wheels**
- 2) Bosco the Optician by **A-Boss Opticians**
- 3) **Seton Center**, Generations Working & Growing Together by **Seton Center**
- 4) Dolly by **Jacqueline's Salon**
- 5) Tattoo Duo by **Wyld Chyld**
- 6) Ray Ghoul by **Walter Lee Staples II**
- 7) Gold Tin Man by **Bill, Ben & Helen Luffy**
- 8) Scarekid by **Milissa Kilmer**
- 9) Cookie Monster by **Dina Jamison & Jasmine Casteneda**
- 10) The Pittsburgh Fantom by **Patty & Dan Kaczmar-ski**



-Linda Boss



NEED A RENOVATION?

In Brookline, four out of every five homes were built before 1960, and more than a third were built before 1939. Could your home or small business benefit from a renovation?

Before you renovate, explore your options and plan your property improvement with professional design advice through the Design Consults program (formerly RenPlan®). Call today to receive an affordable on-site consultation with an architect, landscape architect, or interior designer. For a modest fee, a professional designer will help you explore your renovation options, understand the impact of your investment, and realize the value of preservation and design. No matter what type of project you are considering—from DIY landscaping, to façade improvements, to kitchen and bathroom remodels—it pays to plan ahead to avoid costly renovation mistakes.

Design Consults are available for homes and small businesses within the City of Pittsburgh and those properties within a 20-mile radius of city limits. Any property owner with a signed sales agreement within this geographic area qualifies for a consultation. In addition, program participants receive a Resource Guide identifying local programs and service providers who can help put renovation plans into action.

During a consultation, designers can help with:

- Clarifying project goals and priorities
- Identifying renovation options and providing a recommended approach
- Understanding terminology that may be useful in communicating with a contractor
- Identifying significant design elements and how to maintain those when making improvements
- Recommending material, color, and lighting options
- Designing a more open floor plan
- Stormwater management, curb appeal, kitchen, living room, bathroom, bedroom renovations; and additions!

To discuss your renovation consultation, contact Cate Rassman at the Design Center: clrassman@designcenterpgh.org, or (412)391-4144 ext. 24. For more information about the Design Consults program, check out www.designcenterpgh.org/design-consults/.

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COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

While I love being out and about in the district, the position of City Councilwoman requires spending a lot of time at the City-County Building on 414 Grant Street, representing the people of Brookline and the rest of District 4 at City Council proceedings. Every Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 10am, all nine members of City Council meet to discuss official business and pass legislation. This democratic process is an embodiment of our American freedom, and as citizens, you are more than welcome to be engaged and participate.

In fact, all of our meetings are open to members of the public, and we start every meeting off with public comment. Members of the public are free to come down to council and speak to the members for three minutes on any subject relevant to the work of Council. You can view our agendas and topics of the day on <http://pittsburgh.legistar.com>.

In our Tuesday morning meetings, Councilmembers face the Council president. Councilmembers first have the opportunity to present proclamations to individuals, organizations, and businesses that are making a positive impact in our city. Then all new bills are introduced at our Tuesday meetings; either a councilmember introduces his or her own bill, or a department asks that a bill be introduced on its behalf.

If you turn on the television and see a lot of vigorous discussion (or just plain arguing) at a Council meeting, you are most likely viewing one of our Wednesday meetings. You see, after legislation is introduced, it is typically discussed at the following Wednesday "Standing Committee" meeting. During these meetings, members of Council sit around a large table, and experts and department directors are often "brought to the table" to fully vet a bill. Even though, for viewers and spectators, this may seem like one long meeting, it is actually a series of meetings of each committee of council, in which all Councilmembers participate.

Though Councilmembers do not directly manage all of the City's various departments, we do usually oversee funding transfers. Each member of Council is the chair of one of nine Standing Committees, and the overall Wednesday meeting is chaired by the Chair of the Finance and Law Committee. The chairpersons of each Standing Committee are appointed by the President of City Council. I chair the Performance and Asset Management Committee, which oversees functions

like Computer Information Systems and Fleet Management. For a list of all the committees, see <http://pittsburghpa.gov/council>.

After discussing the bill, members can offer amendments, vote to give it preliminary approval, hold the bill for a certain time, or table it for a later date. Sometimes our Wednesday meetings can last for eight hours!

The following Tuesday, we usually give final approval to the bill. Each member is required to vote when his or her name is called, and the vote becomes part of the public record. Every bill with at least five votes is given to the mayor for his signature. If the mayor vetoes the bill, it can be overridden with a two-thirds vote, or six members. If the mayor does not sign a bill or does not send it back to council with a veto, it becomes law after 10 days.

If you are interested in watching City Council proceedings, you can do it one of two ways:

- 1) Online at <http://pittsburgh.legistar.com>.
- 2) On the City Channel, found at Channel 13 on Comcast and 44 on Verizon. Tuesday and Wednesday meetings are played live, that evening at 7:00pm and at 10:00am and 7:00pm on Saturday (Tuesday meeting) and Sunday (Wednesday meeting).

If you have any questions about how a bill becomes an ordinance, please feel free to reach out to my office at 412-255-2131.



Pittsburgh's first Mini Cupcakery, **Le Cupcake Shoppe** is now open! Located two doors up from Fiori's Pizza on Capital Avenue, the boutique bakery serves up fresh mini cupcakes, big cupcakes, cake pops and pupcakes Tuesday through Sunday! With new flavors on the menu every week such as canoli, maple bacon and tiramisu, the shop is sure to satisfy every sweet tooth! Stop in for a dozen or call 412-254-4295 to place an order! We love making any type of event extra special with custom buttercream or fondant cakes, cake stands, cupcake towers & more!!! Visit www.lecupcakeshoppepgh.com for more info!

