



## LE CUPCAKE SHOPPE



If this year like me you've resolved to eat less desserts, I say let us eat cupcakes. Mini cupcakes, that is, from **Le Cupcake Shoppe**.

With a grand opening this past October, **Le Cupcake Shoppe** on Capital Avenue is the only mini cupcakery in Pittsburgh. The dollhouse-like shop, located next to **Fiori's Pizza**, even feels like a cupcake when you walk inside. Charming details from the trim to



the counter tops and cupcake décor whisk you off to a childlike state.

"Everyone's been so welcoming. People in this neighborhood have such an appreciation for small businesses," owner **Alexandra Hagen** said. "Honestly who wouldn't want to be next to **Fiori's**? We both feel we really complement each other."

Hagen's love for baking came from her mother Suzie's kitchen. Following college graduation while she was working in marketing, Hagen began making custom creations for friends' baby showers and other special events. And mom is still helping out.

"I started posting pictures on Facebook of the events I catered and gained more and more followers, and more event requests," Hagen said. "I decided why not go into business for myself, doing something that I love?"

**Le Cupcake Shoppe** features six to eight flavors of homemade, all natural ingredient mini cupcakes each week. The adorable treats in flavors like white velvet, peppermint patty, French vanilla, hot chocolate, German chocolate and S'mores all lined the shelf on my visit. Artful double decker cupcakes (that's a full size with a mini on top) in snowmen and the Grinch tickled my holiday spirit.

There are also a variety of mini-cakes, cake pops and *pup* cakes - yes, even Fido can enjoy! (I brought home the Reese's Peanut Butter mini cake to share with my family but barely got a bite of the delicious confection before it was gobbled up.) Custom order a cake or cupcake tower for your special event. Hagen does carved cakes and 3-D cakes using her own homemade fondant. Or create a cake and cupcake combo. Your imagination is the limit when it comes to these orders.

"We'll always go the extra mile for our customers. It is really cool to watch little pieces of us go out the door every day," Hagen said.

And I'm sure glad to help move your artwork.

-*Megan Stearman*

-Photos by *Melissa Distel*



**Le Cupcake Shoppe** is located at 109 Capital Avenue. Hours are 10:00am – 7:00pm Tuesday through Friday, 10:00am – 5:00pm on Saturday and 12:00pm – 4:00pm on Sunday. Contact **Le Cupcake Shoppe** at 412-254-4295 or visit them online at [www.lecupcakeshoppepgh.com](http://www.lecupcakeshoppepgh.com).



## Letter from the Editor

Thank goodness it's February. Winter is officially half over! With spring on our mind, we are going to launch another contest next month so make sure you get a March issue of **The Brookline**. Like our last contest the prizes are fun, not big and fancy.

Lately, we have been thinking about the Steeler chant, "Here we go Steelers, here we go." It occurred to us that it could just as easily be "Here we go Brookline, here we go." We are within countdown of reconstruction. While the hardhat workers will be important, there is another group of individuals who are critical to this project - the residents of Brookline, specifically you, dear reader. You - we - are critical to the outcome we want.

We want a new and improved Boulevard featuring our longtime favorite merchants. **Pitaland** started the ball rolling with their renovations in January. No one is asking you to pick up a shovel or pour concrete. We will leave those jobs to the hardhats. Our job as residents is to shop, encourage others to frequent the Boulevard, remain optimistic and be patient. It took us 15 years to get to this point. Is it really asking so much to wait another 10 months?

Certainly there will be times when our patience is challenged or our routines interrupted. Perhaps we could use the chant to encourage each other at these times? When we are forced to walk extra blocks to pick up our donuts at **Party Cake** or a birthday cake at **Kribel's**, we could chant "Here we go Brookline, here we go." When your dinner reservation at **Moonlite Café** or **Mateo's** means parking at **Hair By Conroy**, think of the walk as exercise before dinner and chant "Here we go Brookline, here we go."

We have to encourage each other and support our merchants during this critical time for Brookline. On February 11 at 6:00 PM, the **Chamber of Commerce** will be holding a meeting for the community at **St. Mark's Church** located at the corner of Brookline Boulevard and Glenarm Avenue. Attend. We need to talk and share ideas for surviving the next 10 months. If at the end of the year, we have a new Boulevard with empty storefronts, we will have achieved nothing. That has happened in other communities. That is NOT what we want for Brookline. Shopping on the Boulevard is an easy volunteer opportunity in which we can all participate. "Here we go Brookline, here we go."

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### THE BROOKLINE PAST ISSUES

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### DEADLINES:

February 12 for March's Issue  
March 12 for April's Issue

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Thank you **Brookline Area Community Council** for the generous donation. We truly appreciate EVERY donation. *Larger issues are draining the bank balance.* Your donations keep us in print. Please continue to support us. We can provide a donation box and make monthly collections. Become a sustaining friend of **The Brookline**. We will thank you in the newsletter.

### Donations through December 2012:

- Cannon Coffee - \$167.52
- Kribel's Bakery - \$1,114.15 ★★
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### DECEMBER

<u>CRIMES ZONE 6</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Brookline</u>
Aggravated Assault	6	1
Arson	1	0
Robbery	3	0
Burglary	23	3
Theft	31	9
Theft from Vehicle	4	2

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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## CHAMBER PLANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION

The January meeting of the **Brookline Chamber of Commerce (BCC)** featured Cate Rassman from the Design Center of Pittsburgh/Design Consults and Joesette Fitzgibbons and Jason Tigano (a Brookline resident) from the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA). Each organizations' representatives discussed what their organization could offer to Brookline merchants interested in renovating their businesses during the Boulevard reconstruction project.

**Nathan Mallory**, BCC vice president and owner of **Cannon Coffee**, chaired the meeting and solicited comments from **Senator Wayne Fontana** on how Brookline could survive the reconstruction. **Senator Fontana** believes that by addressing the concerns of merchants and residents before construction begins, the Boulevard has taken a major step toward ensuring that the businesses that are here survive during the reconstruction. He hopes that Brookline will attract new businesses after the project is completed.

The **Chamber's** February 11 meeting will be for the residents. Come with your questions and concerns. Mark your calendar.

**FEBRUARY 11 St. Mark's Lutheran Church at the corner of Brookline Boulevard and Glenarm Avenue. Meeting starts at 6:00PM.**

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## What's Going on at Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5?



We hope our article finds you warm during this cold winter month of February. While it is cold outside, our plans are heating up at **Pittsburgh West Liberty**.

Our dance team has worked their magic once again. They danced their way to the gold at the Dancing Classroom Competition on Saturday, December 15, at Pittsburgh Allderdice High School. They will continue to practice for the finals which will be in May. Our team includes **Kelsey Waite, Dynasti Dickerson, Alexis McElravy, Delanie Staab, Tylah Jones, Alexandra Fulton, Chris Bittner, Tayvon Reed, Julian Satria, Todd Akrie, Jonathan Grabowski** and

**Aiden Walsh**. Best wishes to our team as they prepare for the championship. Go West Liberty!

We had our annual winter concert on December 13 which included the wonderful leadership of **Mrs. Daller** and **Mrs. Hall**. The instrumental students performed and then each grade level sang three different songs reflecting the various holiday traditions. There was a performance in the morning for the parents and an encore performance in the afternoon for the student body so that all students could see their siblings and friends perform. It was a great way to put us in the spirit of the holidays.

Speaking of holiday spirit, **Mrs. Deltondo's** fifth grade think-and-do group performed *A Christmas Carol*. The class was led by their teacher, **Mrs. Deltondo** who is our fifth grade math teacher/Instructional Teacher Leader. Not only did the children participate in the performance but several other children, along with our art teacher, **Ms. Deluca**, helped prepare the scenery. At the end of the play, the actors danced to the holiday version of "Gangnam." The children had a great time dancing and celebrating the beginning of the holiday season.

Along with the thought of celebrating the holiday season, a second grade student, **Allison Berlin**, suggested the wonderful idea of making cards and sending candy canes to our armed forces serving in Afghanistan. Allison and **Mrs. Wilson**, our second grade literacy teacher, persuaded our school to make almost 300 cards and sent over 1,000 candy canes to the soldiers to let them know we were thinking of them during the holiday season. Another school activity that our students participated in was making white snowflakes for Newtown, Connecticut, due to the tragedy that occurred there. Each child put their first name and city on the snowflake. Snowflakes were sent from many school districts and were used to decorate the new school to give the children a warm feeling when they returned from winter vacation.

We are currently in the midst of our basketball season. The basketball team is coached by **Mr. Dave Strothers**. Our basketball team includes: **Hannah Lacek, Tylah Jones, Margaret Smith, Aaliyah Thomas, Kya Gage, Sara Bushmen, Torrie Komoroski, Jordan Jester, Xyasia Scott, Brenton Morefield, Chris Bittner, Richie Shulik, Zion Scott, Anthony Liscio, Tyler Andrews, Tyler Newton, Alex Loeffert, Ian Mullen, Todd Akrie, Cameron Colwell, Liam O'Neil, and Visawn Pennix**. Our cheerleaders for this season are **Angi Fulton, Madison Heid, Finnegan Davis, Savannah White, Kaylin Bradley, Jackie Salla, Kelsey Waite, Alyssa Darden, Kylee Arlotta, Emily Pham, Jane Jester, Hannah Casto, Samantha Valentine, Elizabeth Schaller, Aaliyah Thomas** and **Madison Kyle**. So far, our girls' basketball team has won two games and the boys' team has won one game and lost one game. We, at West Liberty, are also tracking our academic progress. On Thursday night, February 12, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., we will be having a State of the School meeting. At this meeting, the parents will be informed of the academic progress of **Pittsburgh West Liberty** both in our areas of strength and the areas that our teachers are working to improve. Dinner will be served along with the presentation.

That covers everything for this month. Stay tuned for our next article which will feature our honor roll students for the second report period. We wish you warm thoughts during this cold month. Remember **Pittsburgh West Liberty** is "where learners excel and character counts."

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




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Community involvement.  
Monday, February 11 at 6:00 PM  
Place: St. Mark Lutheran Church, Brookline Blvd.  
Agenda: Creating tactics to help businesses survive during reconstruction. Reconstruction will start early Spring of 2013.





# SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

During the 2011-12 legislative session, the General Assembly passed legislation, Act 2 of 2012, which increased prize limits for small games of chance for the first time in 23 years. Under this legislation, prize limits for daily games increase from \$500 to \$1,000, weekly games from \$5,000 to \$25,000, and monthly raffles from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

These changes to the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act will help many of our non-profit organizations raise additional and much-needed revenue. Whether it be veterans' or fraternal organizations, religious groups, or civic or service associations, the increased prize limits will help keep them afloat as most of the money will be returned to the community which in turn will benefit us all.

In addition to increasing prize limits, this legislation also introduced new reporting requirements for eligible organizations. These reporting requirements were set to commence on February 1<sup>st</sup>. After hearing from many organizations on the difficulty they would have in submitting reports in time, I, along with my colleagues in the Senate Democratic Caucus, requested that the Corbett Administration delay implementation of these reporting requirements.

I am pleased to report that the delay has been granted and that small games of chance licensees will have a year to meet the new reporting requirements. This extension will provide the General Assembly the opportunity to make some necessary adjustments to the reporting requirements to the newly changed law. The increase in prize limits will not be affected.

For more information on Small Games of Chance reporting requirements and to view frequently asked questions, please visit <https://www.doreservices.state.pa.us/SGOC/Report/Default.aspx>. You may also direct questions to the Department at 717-787-8275.



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## REPRESENTATIVE ERIN MOLCHANY

On January 1, I took the oath of office as State Representative. It is so deeply humbling and an absolute pleasure to serve Brookline and the other communities of the 22<sup>nd</sup> legislative district.

Kicking off the new year in our magnificent state Capitol, it was easy to make this year's resolution. It's the same promise that I made to so many of you as I campaigned over the past year. I pledge dedication to our community and a fervent commitment to the issues you have asked me to address. I will fight to champion a comprehensive transportation plan that adequately addresses our aging infrastructure and public transit; to support and reinvest in our public schools to secure our children's future; and to prioritize job creation and expanding opportunities that enhance our quality of life.

I am your voice in Harrisburg, and my office is your community resource. My district office, located at 900 Brookline Boulevard, is open for business. We will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. For your convenience, we will be open Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You may also contact the office at (412) 343-2094 or [repmolchany@pahouse.net](mailto:repmolchany@pahouse.net).

My door is always open to your concerns and ideas to improve our community. We will of course offer assistance with all state-related business. But more than that, I want to help Brookline continue to be a wonderful place to live and do business, and to bring greater resources and opportunity to our neighborhood and its residents.

I look forward to the journey ahead, and am grateful for the opportunity to work with you to serve and strengthen our community.



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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](http://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**

**"One is not born into the world to do everything but to do something."**  
*Henry David Thoreau, poet, writer, philosopher*



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-*Pamela Grabowski*

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- Brookline Blvd. bet. Merrick & Starkamp - *Patty & Dan Kaczmariski*
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- Norwich Ave. - *Michael & Pamela Grabowski*
- 900 Woodbourne Ave. - *Diane Walkowski & Mary Anne Miller*
- 600 Mayville - *Peg Sherwood & Mac*
- 500 Berkshire - *Sarah McCalla*
- 900 to 1100 Berkshire - *Fred & Linda Smith Family*
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- Plainview Ave. from Jillson to Capital - *Jim Sheppard*
- Merrick Ave. bet Eben St. & Brookline Blvd. - *Eileen Papale*
- 800 Fordham Ave. - *Erika Hough*
- Eathan Avenue - *Jody Krieger*

### TRASH DECOMPOSITION TEST ANSWERS:

Newspaper: 6 weeks      Boot Sole: 50 to 80 years

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## COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

Federal, state and local income taxes are due on April 17 this year, and the sooner you get your tax documents in the mail, the sooner those who qualify can get their refund! For those who may not be able to do their taxes on their own, the City of Pittsburgh and local partners are providing a free resource to help with tax preparation.

It's called Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, or VITA, an IRS program offered to the elderly, disabled individuals, or low and moderate income households (those earning less than \$49,000 a year) to offer free tax preparation services for federal and state taxes, as well as rent and property rebates.

VITA services will be offered downtown on the second floor of the City County Building between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday beginning on February 4th. VITA will only help prepare one tax return per person, and when you come in for help you must bring a social security card for every person listed on the tax return. Walk-ins are welcome for this service. For more information on this program, call my office at (412) 255-2131.

You can also make arrangements for free tax preparation through the United Way's Money In Your Pocket Coalition. If you are an individual who makes up to \$20,000, or a household that makes up to \$40,000, you can make an appointment for free assistance with your tax preparation. Last year, the United Way and its partner organizations including Just Harvest, YMCA, Allegheny County, and others helped to prepare more than 6,000 tax returns, helping to deliver \$10.6 million in tax refunds to Allegheny County residents. To make an appointment at one of their locations, or to learn more, call (412) 255-1155 or 2-1-1. There are locations downtown and across the city, including the Federal Building, Downtown YMCA, or the Carnegie Library in Squirrel Hill.

There is a lot of additional information about tax assistance at the Carnegie Library website: <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/research/business/taxes.html>. As always, please don't hesitate to contact my office about this or any other issue at (412) 255-2131.

### BROOKLINE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT


The reconstruction is due to start in **early spring 2013**. Yes, this year!! I am inviting all of you to **shop the Boulevard** and watch the changes that will happen on Brookline Boulevard during construction. Wouldn't it be nice to say in years to come, "I was there when.....and I supported my business district?"

**For all of you dog walkers:** the Dogipots will be taken down sometime in February along with the Christmas and banner brackets and replaced when the reconstruction is finished. **During the construction you will need to carry your own bags when walking your dogs. Please take pride in our community and clean up.**

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

-Lois McCafferty





### ADOPT-A-BLOCK MEET & GREET

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# BROOKLINE RECREATION CENTER



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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 ages 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](http://www.sejongtkd.org).

### Yoga

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Limited spots available. Visit website at [www.exquisiteperformance.org](http://www.exquisiteperformance.org).

### 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. This is open to all students, especially home-schooled children. Come join the fun!



### Kindersports/Storytime

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

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## THIS MONTH

### February 11 Monday

**Chamber of Commerce** 6:00PM at **St. Mark's Church** corner of Brookline Blvd. & Glenarm Ave. Community meeting on reconstruction.

### February 12 Tuesday

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

### February 18 Monday

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

### February 25 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. Members of the School Board will join us to update the community on current activities in the schools.



## OPEN MIC SERIES

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



**CVS accepts food donations**  
**for the Brookline**  
**Christian Food Pantry**



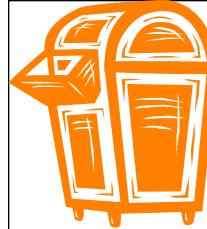
## SNOW ANGELS

**To request a snow angel**  
**or volunteer call**  
**412-255-2280 or go to**

<http://pittsburghpa.gov/servepgh/snowangels/volunteer>.



We have a reader looking for a photo of "Brookline Original Pizza." The shop was on the Boulevard around 1965. It was across the street from Newsie's and there was a Mobil Gas station a few doors down. If you have a photo, please contact us at 412-343-2859 or email [mnp.grabowski@verizon.net](mailto:mnp.grabowski@verizon.net).



## Report 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.

**Help the postal service by giving them specific information of locations and crossing streets.**

*-Shadyside Newlitter™ December 2, 2012*

**South Hills Middle School** is interested in having community members come into our school at 595 Crane Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15210 and assist on a volunteer basis. We are interested in having parents and community members help with monitoring our halls and cafeteria, assisting students in the classroom and with teacher clerical duties. Every person working directly with children will have to have clearances which can be obtained by writing **Carol Senft** at [cseft1@pghboe.net](mailto:cseft1@pghboe.net) and will be paid for through our parent/teacher organization.



## Save the Date

# Taste of Brookline 2013

## Sunday, April 28, 2013

### 2:00PM to 5:00PM

### Church of the Resurrection

Join South Pittsburgh Development Corporation (SPDC) on Sunday, April 28, 2013, for the second annual Taste of Brookline. Tickets are \$30 and will go on sale February 28. A limited quantity of tickets will be available online starting February 15 at a special pre-sale price of \$27. Visit [www.tasteofbrookline.com](http://www.tasteofbrookline.com) for more information on where to get tickets!

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