



## EGGHEAD'S SALOON

What's something old and something new and sits on the corner of Brookline Boulevard and Merrick Avenue?

That would be **Egghead's Saloon**, a newly renovated bar under new ownership that occupies the spot that used to be **JR's** and before that **Denmark's**.

**Egghead's** started doing business in September 2012. Owners **Denny** and **Danny Egger-ton** and advisor **Brent Enos** are excited about bringing a new pizzazz to the establishment while continuing to cater to familiar customers.

During the renovations, says **Denny Egger-ton**, the owners sensed concern from some regulars that new management might mean a less welcoming environment. "When you come into a place, you get the buzz that people wonder whether we're going to push them out or raise prices."

The truth has been just the opposite. Egger-ton says **Egghead's** has lowered prices on some items and is a hit with regular customers. "We're offering a nice neighborhood bar with good neighborhood prices."

Not only are regulars continuing to patronize **Egghead's**, but some are contacting former customers of the premises and encouraging them to return to the fold. "They come in and see the changes and they're happy."

Those changes include new bathrooms, a new ceiling, and a complete repainting of the interior. "Cleanliness is a big issue with us." For viewing pleasure, **Egghead's** has five 51-inch televisions and one 70-incher.



**Helen Porter** tends the bar while a customer enjoys the big screens and a drink.

Word is spreading of the specials offered seven days a week. On Monday through Saturday, from 4 pm-6 pm, any drink in the house is \$2.00. On Sunday, that's an all-day special. Drink specials will also be available as part of a St. Patrick's Day celebration.

"Our happy hours are packed, but that's what specials are for. We try to cater to the neighborhood; give back a little." Egger-ton points out that **Egghead's** is fortunate to have its own parking lot.

Together, **Denny** and **Danny Egger-ton** have an average of eight years experience in the bar business. They and Enos are happy to be in Brookline and are excited about **Egghead's** prospects both near- and long-term. "We've been doing extremely well here," says Denny. "We think Brookline is an up-and-coming neighborhood. We see it growing and we'd like to grow with it. You can tell there are people here trying hard to promote a better community."

-Dan Kaczmarksi

-Photos by *Melissa Distel*



**Egghead's Saloon** is located at 1162 Brookline Boulevard. Hours are 9 am to 2 am, Monday through Friday and noon to 2 am Saturday and Sunday. Contact **Egghead's** at 412-344-4534.



## Letter from the Editor

If you were disappointed with the “small” 10 page February issue, we apologize. We managed to contract one of the many viruses that rolled through the community. Now with the arrival of spring, we are ready to go. Here we go Brookline, here we go. After 14 years, the promise is going to be fulfilled. While you are waiting for the new, improved Boulevard, it is important that you continue to shop. All stores will be accessible during construction. Yes, you may not be able to park right outside the store, but consider the extra steps Brookline’s 2013 Fitness Program.

Have you checked out **Pitaland**? Now this is an example of how our best laid plans for remodeling can sometimes take longer than expected. The two-week closure turned into almost a month, but we were still able to buy pita and hummus by going to the side door. There was something charming about walking passed the huge pita machine back to the kitchen to get our hummus and olives. While we will miss that, we can now go to the front door to shop. Remodeling is still in progress, but everyone at **Pitaland** is excited about the new store and café.

After talking to **Jackie Coho** who tried a sample of lentil soup at **Isis** and raved about it, we joined Jackie and **Aggie Ignasky** for lunch at the newest restaurant on the Boulevard. **Ahmed Fathi** is a young and exuberant owner and host. His mother, **Salwa Youssef**, cooks the delicious Egyptian food and his brother, **Ashraf Fathi**, helps serve. We will be featuring them soon, but you can stop in now to try the food. **Isis** is yet another reason why we rarely go outside of Brookline for dinner. The Boulevard has become a corridor of excellent ethnic food.

It is critical that we keep Brookline clean during reconstruction. You can help. If you see trash cans on the Boulevard that are full, call 311. **ONLY** residents in the apartments on the business side of the Boulevard residing between Queensboro and Stebbins are permitted to put their trash out by the trash cans. All other residents **MUST** use the alley for their trash. If you see an accumulation of bags or furniture, call 311. We can’t stop picking up litter. Keeping it clean is a habit we have to practice now. We all have to do our part now so we can celebrate in December.

*Here we go Brookline, here we go! Here we go Brookline, here we go! Here we go Brookline, here we go!*

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#### Donations through January 2013:

- Cannon Coffee - \$167.52**
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#### CRIMES ZONE 6

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### Brookliners Featured in *Equal Magazine*

A local poet—and Pittsburgh Passion football player, and Ph.D. graduate - is in the spotlight again, in the January 2013 issue of *Equal Magazine*.

**Tera McIntosh** is featured prominently in the article, "Poetry Out Loud: Voices from Pittsburgh's Slam and Spoken Word Scene," written by Kara Holsopple.

She's not alone. The article also features a number of other locals you might have seen at **Cannon Coffee** on Open Mic Nights, or during Steel City Slam and Young Steel events.

The article focuses on the importance of poetry, especially in the lives of young people, and how the slam poetry scene continues to evolve in Pittsburgh.

Jude Waldo of Mt. Lebanon and Anna Voelker of North Hills, who both are quoted in the *Equal* article, began performing with Young Steel when it was created last year. Adriana Ramirez, Slam Master of Steel City Slam and Creative Director of Pittsburgh Poetry Collective, along with McIntosh, helped form Young Steel. **Nina Barrone**, a poet from Brookline, also appears in the article.

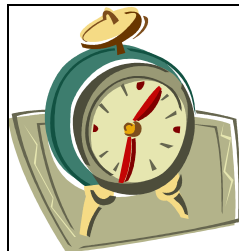
To read the full article, [click here, and scroll to page 36.](#)

-Erin Faulk

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Anna Voelker



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We're busy preparing for the PSSA tests. Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the PSSA tests during the weeks of April 8 through April 20. Good luck to our students; we know you'll do us proud. We're also getting ready for our Dancing Classrooms Finals Dance Competition in May. Our dancers have been using their recess time to sharpen their dance skills as they near the competition date.

January and February were busy months at **Pittsburgh West Liberty**. In January, we had Family Game Night. The PTO provided snacks and our families brought their favorite games from home. It was a great way to socialize and to keep warm during the cold month of January. In February, we had a State of the School Family Spaghetti Dinner. Families were served spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. During dinner, parents had the opportunity to see a presentation; The State of our School. We discussed the high points of our school and the parts that we continue to work at on a daily basis. Following the presentation, the families had the opportunity to shop at the Scholastic Book Fair and learned how to make healthy snacks from a chef from Giant Eagle.

Our Autistic Support Teacher, **Mrs. Cindy Paal**, has conceived an inspiring idea, Paal's Pals, to help with the social skills of her students. Once a month some of our 4th and 5th grade students play a game or do a craft with her autistic students. All students have a good time enjoying what she has planned for them. It has been a great success!

Along with all the busy activities that have been going on at **Pittsburgh West Liberty**, we want to acknowledge the following students who made honor roll and high honor roll for the second report period. The students include:

**First Grade:** Damian Balzer, Anthony Ketter, Michael Lippold, Nathaniel Akam, Landon Bauer, Hannah Black, Leah Black, Brayden Carcia, Justin Carder, Gage Derrick, Joshua Garcia Gomez, Onya Goodwin, Kyle Grippio, Celena Hodge, Kaden Hudson, Jayonna Johnson Dunwell, Riley Joyce, Connor Jozwiak, Isabelle Junaidi, Logan Keady, Danielle Kohr, Mason Maxwell, Brianna Oneil, Aubrey Panella, Laila Panella, Alexa Philistine, Alex Rowser, Kylie Schanck, Justin Shipman, Alexis Stowe, Danielle Swearingen, Michael Sweeney, McKayla Vietmeier and Aric White.

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As our students continue to work hard each day, it is time to bring this month's article to a close. We remind our students to keep up the good work. Remember **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** is the place "where learners excel and character counts."

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





# SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

## Find Unclaimed Property

I want my constituents to be aware of the Unclaimed Property program and encourage everyone to inquire on whether you may be among the many Pennsylvanians who are owed unclaimed property. The Pennsylvania Treasury Department, Bureau of Unclaimed Property received more than \$230 million in unclaimed funds during the last fiscal year and returned more than \$100 million to rightful owners.

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In an effort to assist Pennsylvanians in recovering unclaimed property, the Treasury Department has created a database that allows individuals to search by name to locate any assets that may be being held by the Department. To search this database, you may visit the Department's database at [www.patreasury.gov](http://www.patreasury.gov). Simply enter your last name in the appropriate space and click on the "submit" button. If you discover your name on the list you must then request a claim form, which will need to be completed before being submitted to the Department in order to receive your property.

If you need assistance with searching for unclaimed property or in submitting a claim, please visit my office at 932 Brookline Boulevard or call the office at 412-344-2551 and my staff will gladly assist you in recovering your property. You may also contact the Treasury Department by phone at 1-800-222-2046 to search for any unclaimed property.

## Shopping For Natural Gas Providers

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PAGasSwitch allows both natural gas distribution companies and natural gas suppliers to enter and edit their pricing information so consumers can compare prices of their distributor to suppliers that offer competitive gas supply in their service area. If you are interested in comparing prices and wish to shop for a new natural gas supplier, please visit [www.puc.pa.gov](http://www.puc.pa.gov) and click on the PAGasSwitch tab at the bottom of the page to get started.



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## REPRESENTATIVE ERIN MOLCHANY

Most Pennsylvanians have learned by now that the Corbett administration has approved a private United Kingdom-based company to manage the Pennsylvania Lottery. While the company has promised increased revenues, it remains unclear how its plans will impact our communities and if its revenue projections are achievable.

Governor Corbett approved this deal before it could be vetted by the legislature or the general public. I and my colleagues are continuing to ask tough questions to make sure seniors and our communities are not put at risk.

Some of our most important programs for senior citizens, including the Property Tax/Rent Rebate, senior transit passes, and prescription drug assistance are funded through the lottery. The lottery as it is currently run has already increased sales and revenue, and it appears that the Corbett plan relies on allowing video gambling in many businesses in our communities. While responsible adults should have access to gambling as a form of entertainment, I have great concern about expanding it into our neighborhoods.

Similarly, the governor has also proposed privatizing wine and spirits sales. Our Wine and Spirits stores generate \$500 million for state programs each year and employ more than 4,000 Pennsylvanians. The governor's proposal would result in a one-time windfall from selling off a revenue generating asset owned by the people of Pennsylvania for a temporary and partial solution to education funding.

There is also an irony in the governor's argument to privatize liquor sales to benefit our children. Study after study confirms that density of alcohol outlets and increased availability contribute to underage drinking, binge drinking, and alcohol-related driving deaths for those younger than 21.

While I support modernizing and improving both the Wine and Spirits stores and our lottery, we should never sell off consistent revenue generators for short-term benefits, especially ones that will put quality of life and safety in our communities at risk. I will work to make sure these plans are considered fully and openly, and to oppose any measure which could harm our community.



### EARTH HOUR SATURDAY MARCH 23 8:30PM

#### Turn off your lights for one hour.

What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on? *Henry David Thoreau*

### Call for Volunteers

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

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

**"I once wanted to save the world. Now I just want to leave the room with some dignity."**

*Lotus Weinstock, comedienne, satirist, actress, writer*



## NEW THEATRE GROUP IN BROOKLINE

Brookline has a community theater once again. The Heritage Players moved to the **Seton Center** on Pioneer Avenue in January and will perform their first show there this month. The Heritage Players were founded in 1997 at the Schoolhouse Arts Center in Bethel Park. In 1999 they moved to the Bethel Park Community Center where they performed for 12 years.

For president **Jason Stiteler** and his wife **Jill**, the group's secretary, it is like coming full circle. They met in 2004 when they were cast as newlyweds in the Seton Pioneers' production of *Plaza Suite*. As Jason reflects back, "We had a wedding picture before we had our first date!"

A completely volunteer, 501(c) 3 charitable organization, the mission of the Heritage Players is to educate, foster, and promote the amateur stage in the local community. In addition to the three main stage productions each year, they also offer dancing and acting classes for children and adults, and additional children's programming throughout the year. For the 2013 season, the Heritage Players will present: *Anybody Out There?*, a comedy by John Patrick (March 1-10), *Nonsense* by Dan Goggin (June 21-30), and *Oliver!* by Lionel Bart (October 11-20). Registration for their spring classes ends March 17. Memberships, season tickets, and sponsorships are currently available.

You don't have to be a performer to become a member. If you prefer to help behind the scenes, there is a place for you. Visit them at [www.heritageplayers.org](http://www.heritageplayers.org) or email [info@heritageplayers.org](mailto:info@heritageplayers.org) for more information.

-Jason Stiteler & Nuela Zalak

### Joanne's Corner



Growing up in Brookline we had such an advantage because of the hills. It wasn't unusual then to have a snowfall of one foot. Cars would need to have chains on their tires to go on most of the streets off the Boulevard. Because of that we were able to sled ride on almost any hill safely. And that we did without any fear or worry. That was a nightly

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-Joanne Fantoni

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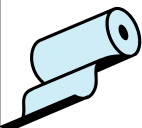
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The good news: the “Covered Devices Act” of Pennsylvania provides the individual consumer and companies with 50 or fewer employees the opportunity to recycle televisions, monitors, desktops, laptops, mice, and keyboards at no charge.

As of January 1, 2013, e-waste is no longer collected curbside as part of your regular trash pick-up. If you place these items on the curb, they will not be picked up and you may receive a citation. These items need to be taken to an electronics retail store or collection location for recycling purposes. The closest locations to Brookline to recycle e-waste are the Goodwill locations in Brentwood and Banksville. Visit [www.goodwillwpa.org/computer-recycling](http://www.goodwillwpa.org/computer-recycling) to look up locations that accept e-waste. You can also call them at (412) 481-9005 for more information.

You can also take your electronic recycling to Staples locations, including the store on Banksville Road. The store can accept most computers and computer-related recycling. Staples cannot take televisions, appliances, or large rechargeable batteries. Call ahead at (412) 571-9150 for more information.

Last but not least, you can recycle up to 3 items per household per day at any Best Buy location, no matter where you bought them from. Visit [www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com) to find the location nearest to you.

As always, if you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to my office at (412) 255-2131.



### A BEER WITHOUT THE SMOKE



Going out for beer is a special something my wife and I have enjoyed since we first met. We prefer our suds in a friendly neighborhood bar, even better is one with some wood, low lighting and a juke box. The only problem we ever bemoaned was the stinking habit of cigarettes. In the bad old days, we’d don older clothes, rubbed our eyes and showered afterward.

Then in 2008 a non-smoking law was passed for establishments with 20 percent of total sales in food. We were elated about the possibility of draughts together without befouled air. And for the first time it appeared that at least one of the numerous bars in Brookline might be coerced into going smoke-free since nearly all of them served food. Unfortunately, it took another four years and bad press to motivate a neighborhood spot to make the leap. The **Moonlite Café** has been smoke-free since last spring and I want to thank them for giving us the opportunity to spend an enjoyable beer night together in our own community.



The **Moonlite Café** has always supported the Brookline community. Owner Louie is a great guy, the bartenders and staff friendly, prices reasonable. Just on those points alone the **Moonlite** is a gem. But wait, it gets better! The bar is cozy and wood paneled, it has a jukebox and they have bar-side food specials in the evenings. AND they have a draught system with something other than bland lite beer! The patrons are an eclectic mix of the younger crowd and neighborhood regulars.

It’s been great to walk down and have a few drinks in our own friendly smoke-free neighborhood bar! We all need to support our local businesses and even if drinking isn’t your cup of tea, stop in and show your support for a Brookline original. St. Patrick’s Day isn’t far away! **-Keith Knecht**

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# 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 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

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). Cost: \$30/session (10 workouts). Cost prorated for late enrollees. Bring your own mat.

## 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](http://www.exquisiteperformance.org).

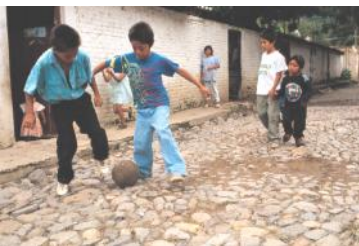
## Writing Club

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.



# SPRING KICKBALL

**Tuesdays – 4-6 year olds**

**Thursdays – 7-9 year olds**

**4:30pm to 5:30pm**

**Starting the week of April 9 & 11**

**through the month of May**

*This program ensures that all children will be involved in the game.*

**Please sign up as soon as possible – this is a free program and space is limited.**

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



# ARRIVES MARCH 20



# COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THIS MONTH

### March 11 Monday

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

### March 12 Tuesday

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

### March 18 Monday

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

### March 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. Quarterly meeting of the South Neighborhoods - Representatives of each community will be with us to share their activities and concerns, and a presentation on the wished for Dog Park.



## OPEN MIC SERIES

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



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



## Resurrection's Fish Fry Fundraiser

**Through March 22**  
**Every Friday from 4PM to 7PM**  
**Prices for fish from \$7-\$11**  
**Side dishes range from \$1-\$3**  
**Garden Room**

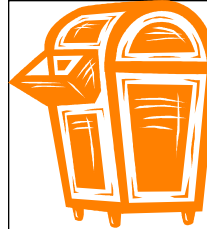


## PHOTOS WANTED

We have received another photo request. If you have photos of either of these areas and/or businesses, please contact us.

- *Brookline Original Pizza* which 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.
- *Open Pantry* and the shops in the area where Parkview Manor is currently located at Brookline Boulevard and Breining Street.

If you have photos, 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 Newslitter*™ December 2, 2012



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



## LUNCH WITH THE EASTER BUNNIES

Have lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Bunny

**March 23 12:30PM to 2:00PM**

**Brookline Recreation Center**

**\$3.00 donation per person to cover costs incurred**



**Community Theater at the Seton Center**  
**1900 Pioneer Avenue**  
**The Heritage Players**

*Anybody Out There?*

a comedy by John Patrick,  
directed by Bob Scott

March 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 at 8:00 PM, March 10 at 2:00 PM

Tickets: \$10.00

March 17, registration deadline for theater and dance classes

[www.heritageplayers.org](http://www.heritageplayers.org)

412-254-4633



**PASSOVER BEGINS MARCH 23**

## FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Beginning March 1, with few exceptions, all federal benefits, including Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, are to be paid electronically. That's according to a rule from the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

For years, Social Security has stressed the convenience, security, and safety of getting benefit payments electronically, offering peace of mind that your payment will arrive on time, even in the event of natural disasters or being away from home when the check is in the mail.

Electronic payments (direct deposit or Direct Express) are not only the *best* way to receive federal benefit payments — for most people, starting in March, they are the *only* way.

The truth is, for most people getting monthly benefits, this isn't really a change at all. That's because more than 9 out of 10 individuals who receive benefits from Social Security already receive payments electronically.

If you get your payments the old-fashioned way and electronic payments are new to you, here are some things you may want to know about your future payments.

- Electronic payments are safer: there's no risk of checks being lost or stolen;
- Electronic payments are easy and reliable: there's no need to wait for the mail or go to the bank to cash a check;
- Electronic payments are good for the environment: they save paper and eliminate transportation costs;
- Electronic payments save taxpayers money to the tune of \$120 million per year: there are no costs for postage, paper, and printing; and finally;
- Electronic payments could save you money on check-cashing and bank fees.

Please visit [www.GoDirect.org](http://www.GoDirect.org) today to learn more about getting your Social Security and SSI payments the safe, easy, inexpensive, and green way — electronically. And rest assured that on payment delivery day, you won't have to wait for your money; your money is already in the bank and ready for you to use.

*-Patricia Thibault*

Social Security District Manager in Pittsburgh, PA



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# TASTE OF BROOKLINE

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**Brookline**

Join South Pittsburgh Development Corporation for a second helping of Brookline's best food, entertainment, and community! The second annual **Taste of Brookline** is a one-afternoon social event featuring live entertainment, food, and drink samples from local restaurants. This year, **Taste of Brookline** will be held on **Sunday, April 28 from 2:00 to 5:00** at the **Church of the Resurrection Gymnasium**. Come enjoy local food and the music of **Jack Stanizzo** of The Contrails with guitarist **Paul Lowe**. The event

**Sunday, April 28th, 2013 • 2-5 pm**

promotes the great assets found in our neighborhood, and proceeds from **Taste of Brookline** will be used toward future community-based projects in Brookline. Admission is **\$30**, which includes food, beverages, and entertainment. Tickets are available now at **A-Boss, Cannon Coffee, Kribel's Bakery**, and online at <http://www.tasteofbrookline.com>. Last year's event sold out, so don't miss out on this year's showcase of the best of Brookline! If your business is interested in a sponsorship or advertising in the event program, please contact the **Taste of Brookline** committee at [tasteofbrookline@gmail.com](mailto:tasteofbrookline@gmail.com).

-Jennifer Bubnash Askey

# News from Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8



At **Pittsburgh Brookline Pre K-8**, our students, staff, and parents are working hard to ensure that every student will be able to take advantage of the Pittsburgh Promise when the time comes! Although this year brought some changes with staff and the configuration of our school, everyone is on board to help our students be successful. We have a strong and consistent message around modeling positive behavior that has contributed to an overall school culture that is positive, productive, and Promise-Ready.

In grades K-5, we use the D.R.E.A.M. program to support our teaching and learning environment. Students are encouraged to Dare to believe and achieve, Respect the community, Exert extraordinary effort, Act responsibly, and Make the right decisions. They earn cards for exhibiting these characteristics. Another program enables students in grades K-6 to earn “compliment cards” for excellent behavior as a class. Each

month, the compliment card trophy is awarded to the classroom who earned the most compliment cards.

Middle school students in grades 6-8 were recently introduced to our new Bobcat Bucks program. Students are able to earn bucks by demonstrating Promise-ready behavior; then they can use the bucks in our new school store – The Cage – which is stocked with things from clothing to sporting goods.

This year, we have an addition to our wonderful school: the Parent Education Group, or PEG. The purpose of the PEG is to enrich the education of the entire Brookline student body through fun, educational activities and teacher support. Many opportunities to help will occur during the school day, but other jobs will be available, too, like cutting out materials for teachers. Anyone who interacts with students **must** have the appropriate volunteer clearances, and one of PEG’s goals is to help volunteers complete this process. If you are interested in working with the Parent Education Group, please contact them at [brooklinepeg@yahoo.com](mailto:brooklinepeg@yahoo.com).

The Safety Patrol is one way that our students get involved in our school community. They provide assistance to teachers and staff during arrival and dismissal every day. Our dedicated fifth-grade “safeties” this year are **Lexie Bouchard, Allysabeth Clever, Kurt Englehart, Austin Evans, McKenzie Fink, Mariah Green, Roberta Little, Nicholas McCleary, Zoey McCullough, Christos Mavrogeorgis, Nia Posey, Emma Primrose, Ashley Sweeney, Sara Smith, and Kaitlyn Widman**. Thank you, safeties, for your service to our school!

We have another group of students who are helping out at Brookline Pre K-8: our student ambassadors. These middle school students were nominated for the position based on their grades, citizenship, and leadership skills. Some of their duties include acting as ushers for special events, helping to set up and take down for events, and assisting teachers on field trips in the primary grades. Look for these students hard at work this year: **Veronica James, Kaitlin McCarthy, Zackary Rush, McKenzie Trosky, Tarah Barrett, Samantha Harvill, Benny Luong, Zoe Snyder, Maya Al-Mousa, Thomas Herzer, Timmy Lipovsky, Tyler McGough, John O’Rourke, Courtney Thompson, Bria Galloway, Janicka Bell, Trevor Newman, Bruce Vilsack, and Victoria Williams**. Thank you for your help!

In February, all of our classes focused on Black History Month activities. Every morning, a famous African American was highlighted during the morning announcements. Pre-K students read about Martin Luther King, Jr. and talked about his dream. They made posters of their own dreams that were displayed in the hallway. In kindergarten, students studied the life of George Washington Carver and read many books about famous African Americans. Second graders chose a particular person to research using the internet, and then recorded information about the person’s life. “Now Let Me Fly,” a Reader’s Theater play by **Marcia Cebulka**, was presented by fourth graders. Sixth grade students read about various African Americans, discussed what they read in small groups, and prepared summaries of what they had read. In eighth grade, students read short stories by African American authors.

We are very proud of eighth graders **Rachel McGough and Hanna Nassif**. These two young ladies were winners in the Expressions of Freedom writing contest sponsored by Citizens Bank, WAMO-FM, WPXI-TV, The New Pittsburgh Courier, and the **Pittsburgh Public Schools**. Participants were asked to write an essay based on King’s “I Have a Dream” speech. Rachel and Hanna each received a \$100 gift card and were able to record portions of their essays to be played on the radio and television during the month of February.

As part of our math curriculum, students keep track of how many days we have been in school, and in February, we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day. Our teachers had many creative activities planned, from sharing collections brought from home, to creating trail mix made from sets of 100 ingredients, to seeing how many jumps students could take in 100 seconds. With activities like this, students often don’t even realize that they’re learning!

Many of our students in grades 1-5 entered a contest sponsored by the Pittsburgh Police that focused on the meaning of “giving.” They wrote essays or drew pictures of what it means to do something for someone and not get anything in return. Congratulations to the following winners of bikes and helmets: first graders **Angelina Burnsworth, Hailey Koerber, Maeve McDonagh, Matthew Nguyen, and Jolee Rothermel**; second grader **Dominik Kuhns**; and third graders **Isabella Burkhard and Coleman Connelly**.

At Brookline, we are happy to have students who think of others in their time of need. Last fall, **Kevin Jones** raised over \$1000 for cancer research. Way to go, Kevin! Four students raised money for those affected by Hurricane Sandy by holding a fund drive for the Red Cross. They are **Samantha Sommer, Katie Gerba, Mariah Green, and Lexie Bouchard**. Great job, girls!

Brookline students are on the move, too! Our intermediate Autism Support class recently took a field trip to the **Carnegie Library and Fox’s Pizza Den**. The teachers and students appreciated the warm welcomes that they received as they chose books for their classroom and enjoyed a pizza lunch. Thank you to both the library and Fox’s for your kind support of our students! In May, our first grade classes will be taking a trip to Triple B Farms as they complete their science unit New Plants. Kindergarten students will be visiting the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium. Later this year, our sixth graders will be taking a trip to Kennywood. Our seventh and

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## SPRING CONTEST

Instead of rolling out our Spring Contest this month, we decided to use the contest as an incentive to shop the Boulevard stores "Behind the Barrier" as construction begins. Keep reading and we will roll out the contest as soon as we have a construction schedule.  
-The Editor

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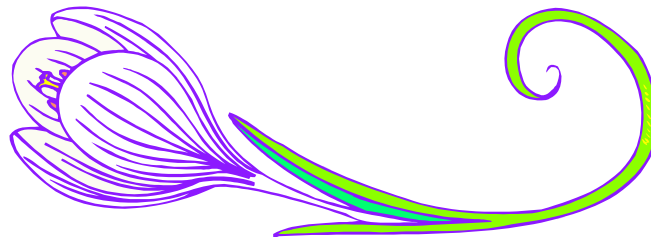
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## News from Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8

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eighth graders will be traveling to Cedar Point. These sixth, seventh, and eighth graders will be working hard to earn funds for their trips; please help them out with their fundraisers this spring if you can!

Finally, we are pleased to announce the names of our students who earned High Honor Roll for the second quarter of the year. **First Grade:** Jonathan Bernotas, Angelina Burnsworth, Jonathan Campagna, Robert Campbell, Dominick Castine, Olivia Diaz, Kaia Douglass, Alexander Ferris, Mia Bella Fisher, Julia Gethen, Tanner Heidkamp, Sharyn Honick, Aidan Kamra, Alexis Knetzer, Hailey Koerber, Dang Le, Bradyn Matto, Maeve McDonagh, Matthew Nguyen, Lucy Potts, Camden Ptaszkiwicz, Aedan Reeves, Riley Robbins, Jolee Rothermel, Jordyn Samuelson, Joshua Scheible, Cassandra Smith, Alexia Tsoukalas, Brayden Withrow, and David Zulka.

**Second Grade:** Phillip Boland, Jasmine Castaneda, Isaiah Dixon, Andrew Ferris, Natalie Goodman, Evan Katz, Johan Kilmer, Paige Kuisis, Abigail McMahan, Donna Newman, Jolene Scott, Liam Shoemaker, Tyler Szoszorek, Aristocles Xenakis, and Mackenzie Young.

**Third Grade:** Joseph Al-Ibrahimi, Madilyn Alley, Madelynn Bergstein, Kathryn Bodnar, Isabella Buono, Isabella Burkhard, Joice Cernick, Coleman Connelly, Alex Dayoub, Ayden Dickman, Clarice Dissell, Charlee Dougherty, Griffin Engelhardt, Alexandros Fekos, Claire Holieb, Kevin Jones, Malana Kuhn, Michael Metting, Diangelo Paez, Jazelle Reay, Kaitlyn Veltri, Sarah Voelker, Anthony Winters, and Lillian Worcester.

**Fourth Grade:** Jessie Assaf, Madigan Balfe, Katherine Bobula, Juliana Buono, Zachary Cicco, Daniel Cunningham, Ashley Elborne, Casey Evans, Michael Falce, Jenna Gentert-Corso, Alison Harvill, Jaida Heidkamp, Matthew Hensel, Dashaun King, Hailey Kiss, Riley Kutschbach, Samantha Langhoff, Sean Lord, Aeva Miglioretti, Ashley Mino, Caleb Robear, Roland Snyder, Arionah Sullivan, Giana Swasey, Lauren Sweeney, Christian Tarrant, Chau Truong, Chuong Truong, Liam Weyand, and Madison Young.

**Fifth Grade:** Christopher Abboud, Leyla Al-Ibrahimi, Lexie Bouchard, Ronald Cochrane, Kurt Engelhardt, Stephanie Fields, McKenzie Fink, Alexander Fisher, Mohannahas Fitch-Pennybaker, Laxmi Gautan, Mariah Green, Alec Jacobs, Roberta Liddle, Christos Mavrogeorgis, Nicholas McCleary, Zoey McCullough, Joshua Parrotte, Glenn Patton, Nia Posey, Emma Primrose, Luke Richie, Madison Rothermund, Samantha Sommer, Nena Stein, Sidney Straight, Ashley Sweeney, Jacob Voelker, and Katlynn Widman.

**Sixth Grade:** Michael Abboud, Richard Dunner, Deanna Evans, Colby Gentert-Corso, Katie Gerba, Jordan Jackson, Veronica James, James Kottler, Jacob Lau, Donavin Lewis, Kaitlin McCarthy, Rachel McGough, John Nomides, Austin Peters, April Rigot, Kaylie Rothermel, Zackary Rush, Lena Stalker, Edith Sullivan, Pamela Tomassi, Mackenzie Trosky, and Marisa Wolff.

**Seventh Grade:** Tarah Barrett, Trinity Frison, Samantha Harvill, Zachary Lord, Benny Luong, Autumn Rigot, Jada Simon, Zoe Snyder, Carson Stokes, and Anthony Veltri.

**Eighth Grade:** Maya Almoussa, Janicka Bell, Hayli Davis, Kaitlyn Falce, Alexis Harvey, Robert Hawkins, Thomas Herzer, Ariel Hilinski, Donte James, Vivienne Johnson, Tyler McGough, Jessica Shively, Courtney Thompson, and Victoria Williams.

*Amy Cornelius Dembosky, Parent  
Patty Gardner, First Grade Teacher*



## SUNDAY TRASH WALK/TRASH TALK

Join us on Sunday to clean the Boulevard. Meet at Cannon Coffee at 2:00PM. Bring your own bags, gloves and pickers. If no one shows, pick up on your own. We have some observations after our walk on February 10.

- We have many people who walk their dogs on the Boulevard. Unfortunately, we also have some inconsiderate people who chose to leave their broken beer bottles on the street. We would appreciate store owners sweeping up the glass. The Sunday Trash group can pick up large pieces of glass, but we don't have brooms and shovels for the small pieces.
- To the individual(s) who left the two large pieces of frozen raw beef in the alcove between 730 and 732 Brookline Boulevard, it's still too cold for a cookout. In addition, open grilling without a permit is not allowed on the Boulevard. In the future please deposit your empty six pack with the broken bottles in the trash can.
- If you can't join us you can still help. If you see the trash cans are overflowing or furniture and bags are placed around the cans, call 311 and report it. The only residents who are allowed to leave their personal trash at the cans live on the block between Queensboro and Stebbins. All other residents are to use the alley for trash.

**1/13** A large leaf bag full of garbage from the ice cream store down to **Hank's Hot Dogs** and a good section of Flatbush. Some sections looked passable, but some were atrocious. A contractor bag full of junk off of Metz 8 supermarket size plastic bags of garbage from the Boulevard & Queensboro

**1/20** 10 supermarket size bags of trash from the Boulevard from Pioneer to Queensboro

**2/10** 14 supermarket size bags of trash from the Boulevard from Pioneer to Queensboro



## 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](mailto: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.

*Grabowski*

*-Pamela*

## ADOPTED BLOCKS

**Bellaire Ave. bet. Whited & Edgebrook - Jennifer Grab**

**Gallion Ave. - Lisa Wilson**

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

*1/20* Between Merrick Avenue and Starkamp, *1/3* of a 35 gallon trash bag.

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

**Norwich Ave. - Michael & Pamela Grabowski**

**900 Woodbourne Ave. - Diane Walkowski & Mary Anne Miller**

*1/13* **Mary Anne** - Sunday morning - Woodbourne, Queensboro, and Harex Way - picked up two kitchen bags of paper and miscellaneous junk and two bags of plastic bottles. Guess snow isn't so bad - it hides all the trash.

*1/20&21* **Diane** - I collected half a 35 gallon trash bag of litter on the weekend, 3 recyclable items & no cash.

**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**

**Merrick Ave. bet Eben St. & Brookline Blvd. - Eileen Papale**

**800 Fordham Ave. - Erika Hough**

**Eathan Avenue - Jody Krieger**

**TRASH DECOMPOSITION TEST ANSWERS:**

**Paper Towels 2-4 weeks**

**Nylon Fabric 30-40 years**



## BROOKLINE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The bidding for this project is finished and a contracting company has been chosen. The reconstruction of Brookline Boulevard will begin in a few weeks - late March or early April. In speaking with Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc. there will be a supervisor (Greg) on Brookline Boulevard every day during construction. The **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** is looking into a construction schedule so they may bring this information to the businesses for the March Chamber meeting.

Remember the businesses will be open during construction. Come and join me in shopping on Brookline Boulevard and watch the old become new.

**Dog walkers:** No Dogipots during construction. They will be reinstalled when construction is finished. This is our community. **PLEASE** help keep it clean by carrying bags and cleaning up after your pet.

-Lois McCafferty

### Veterans : do you need exterior house repair or help with maintenance?

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh is seeking **veterans and their families** who could benefit from outdoor maintenance and exterior home repairs. If you need backyard debris removal, tree and bush trimming, yard landscaping, gutter and roof cleaning, lawn mowing, or paint touch ups and you own your home, have homeowner's insurance, fit Habitat for Humanity's income guideline, and are able to make a small monthly payment, which may be subsidized, you may apply! Contact Jeremy Martin at [jmartin@pittsburghhabitat.org](mailto:jmartin@pittsburghhabitat.org) or at 412.351.0512 ext. 11 to get more information about Habitat for Humanity's Veteran Housing Initiative, where they're serving those who've served our country.

-Council District 4 Newsletter

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECONSTRUCTION READINESS MEETING

On Monday, February 11 approximately 50 business owners and residents gathered at **St. Mark's Church** to discuss the reconstruction project due to begin at the end of March.

**Nathan Mallory** of **Cannon Coffee** and Chamber Vice President directed the discussion. The Chamber is soliciting ideas from the residents and the business owners for encouraging people to shop during reconstruction.

The contract has been awarded to Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc. located on McNeilly Road. Since the contract had only been recently awarded, a schedule for reconstruction had not been prepared yet. **Lois McCafferty** of the Chamber will release a schedule as soon as it is available. The Chamber suggests that residents and business owners follow reconstruction information on the following media outlets.

- [Shop The Line](#) Facebook page
- Local church bulletins
- Local politicians' newsletters
- [Dormont-Patch.com](http://Dormont-Patch.com)
- **The Brookline**

There will always be access to all businesses. The next nine months will be challenging, but all in attendance agreed that after 14 years of waiting, the Boulevard reconstruction's time has come.

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