

## BLVD BARBER SHOP

Long-time Brookline residents will remember **Bernie Meyer** manning the chairs in the barber shop tucked between **No Name Luncheonette** and **Zippy's Saloon**. Since Bernie had a stroke a couple of years ago, he is semi-retired. He passed the day-to-day business on to Brookline resident **Chris Heinz**.

"Bernie always told me if I learned the trade, I could take over the shop," said Chris. Chris attended the Empire Beauty School and worked at Supercuts before joining Bernie. Watching him work you can't deny his skill with a razor as he negotiates a customer's head. Chris is a quiet and affable young man. If you walk by the shop, you may see Chris sitting in a chair patiently waiting for his next customer.

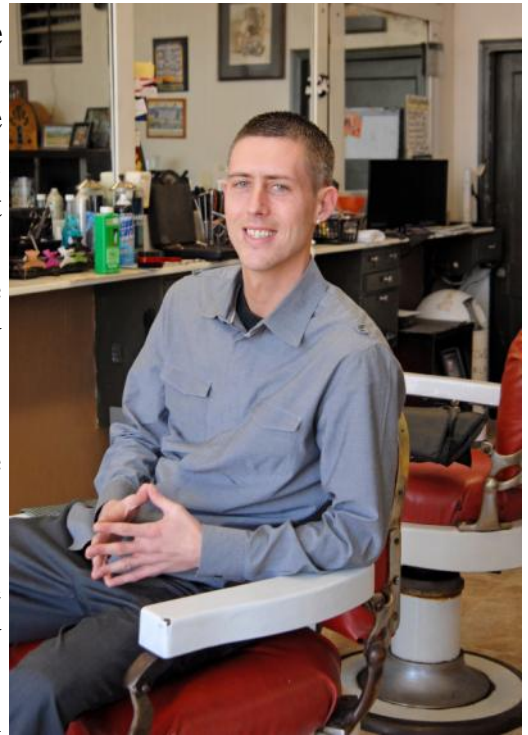
Chris is remodeling the shop, and it is a slow process. The walls are freshly painted, and there's a new floor. For now customers waiting their turn sit in the plastic lawn chairs lining the wall. Sports photos decorate the walls. An old cash register is on display as well as a Detrola radio. A Samsung television sits near the front window for special sports events, but today the radio was on.

Chris was one of the many merchants who decorated for the Christmas season last year. You might remember the small lighted Christmas tree in his window. Chris likes Brookline, and his customers like Chris. He's open six days a week, and he welcomes walk-ins. He tries to accommodate people, so give him a call.

**Louis Sanfilippo** was a customer on this day. Louis said he and Chris share similar views, and he likes coming to the shop as much for the conversation as for his haircut. I recognized that as my cue to leave. If you need a haircut, check out this little gem.

*Pamela Grabowski*

-Photos by *Melissa Distel*



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Tuesday 9:00AM to 7:00PM  
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## Letter from the Editor

When we printed **Jason Vey's** opinion piece last month, we expected response, and we were not disappointed. We had one reader inform us that if we printed any more pieces like that, they would stop reading **The Brookline!**

Comments were focused around three issues, business hours, communication and participation. While residents would like to see extended business hours - remember when all businesses were open late on Thursday - residents are also sympathetic to the business owners who see no profit in longer hours if there are no customers. We talked to **Susan Hinz**, whose letter appears on page three. She observed that Brookline is still predominately a community of families with children. During the school year, after-dinner activities are centered around getting homework done and getting ready for the next day, not only for the children, but for working Moms and Dads. Going out during the week isn't a typical activity for families. Susan pointed out that, unlike Oakland, Brookline isn't a community of singles looking for evening entertainment. At least, not yet.

We were surprised at the number of comments encouraging Brookline to hold a yearly festival or start a community group to promote the Boulevard! We have four community groups, **Block Watch**, **Chamber of Commerce**, **Brookline Area Community Council** and **South Pittsburgh Development Corp.** As for a festival, there's **BreezeFest**. We have online exposure through several Brookline Facebook sites. Then, there's us -**The Brookline**. We use the Sunday real estate transfers to send a copy of the newsletter and an invitation to join **SPDC** to new Brookline property owners.

Brookline groups reach out, but we need residents to reach out as well, venture out to meet neighbors and explore the community. When we hear the negative comments about Brookline, we wonder why we haven't seen these individuals at any of the meetings. We refuse to buy into the negative views about Brookline because we are seeing the growth of new business and community involvement. We would like to see those who have issues with business hours and lack of communication join us at one of our community meetings. Then we can all work together to make Brookline even better. As for us, we are optimistic. We think Brookline is well on the way to a bright future.

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

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## THE BROOKLINE



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Clint Burton has archived past issues of **The Brookline** at [www.brooklineconnection.com](http://www.brooklineconnection.com).

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**May 12 for June's Issue**

**June 12 for July's Issue**

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**MARCH**

<u>CRIMES ZONE 6</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Brookline</u>
Homicide	2	0
Arson	1	0
Aggravated Assault	12	1
Robbery	6	0
Burglary	23	6
Theft	27	8
Theft from Vehicle	22	2
Stolen Vehicle	8	1

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

- Brookline Christian Food Bank 412-344-8451
- Carnegie Library 412-561-1003
- Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak 412-255-2142
- Dollar Energy/Columbia Gas Cap 412-344-4222
- Meals-on-Wheels 412-343-8144
- Senator Wayne Fontana 412-344-2551
- Representative Erin Molchany 412-343-2094



# MEMORIAL DAY MAY 27

## READER RESPONSE

"I understand life is different now than say 20 years ago! People don't walk to the businesses on the Boulevard! Take cars!!! I'm a walker!! We have some nice stores and to make them work, get people to know what's up there! The Boulevard is getting changes! New streets, new sidewalks, maybe more benches! One of the problems is garbage on streets! You cannot have a nice area, if people don't care! Some do, but not enough! There is a pretzel shop, an ice cream shop, and don't tell me you don't know it's there, since 1970. Actually I work there, and where are the people?! If people don't shop there, of course it will fail! Once the Boulevard is updated and looking nice there should be a special celebration! I lived here since 1989 and worked at the ice cream shop since 1990. We need the younger generation with children to use these services! People need to go to businesses and talk to owners! I bet **Cannon Coffee** would stay open longer! They have a very nice coming together on Wednesday nights, if people only knew and for free, except coffee! Free wifi also! We need to get the word out! I like the idea of getting fliers out at homes, have children for a little deliver them! The Brookline does a good job of advertising business! You can pick a copy up at the ice cream shop [**Scoops**] when delivered! Life is what people make of it! We need vitalization of our small business areas in Pittsburgh!"

-Susan Hinz Reprinted with her permission from the [Dormont-Brookline Patch](#) dated March 15, 2013.



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3/17 10 supermarket size bags of trash from the Boulevard from Pioneer to Queensboro

3/24 9 supermarket size bags of trash from the Boulevard from Pioneer to Queensboro and 43 cents



## ADOPT-A-BLOCK

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. 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.

## ADOPTED BLOCKS

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

**Gallion Ave. - Lisa Wilson**

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

3/23 1/2 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**

3/17 **Diane:** Half a kitchen trash bag + a full blue bag

3/29 **Mary Anne:** 3/4 full kitchen bag of trash. More bottles and cans than paper trash

3/31 **Diane:** It's incredible that only 2 days later I would be able to stuff a full kitchen bag! We are surrounded by pigs.

Full/heavy kitchen trash bag + 1/2 blue bag

**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**

**Lynnbrook bet. Marloff & dead end - Matt & Joey Pilewski**

**Brookline Blvd. from the 1500 block to Breining - The Baldinger Family**

**700 Woodbourne - Mary Zottoli**

**Corner of Brookline Blvd. & Glenarm - Parishoners of St. Mark**

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## SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

Pennsylvania has one of the largest highway networks in the country and is one of the most heavily traveled, ranking fifth nationally in miles of state-maintained highways. In March, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) released its first ever Transportation Performance Report which details the Commonwealth's efforts in safety, mobility, system preservation and accountability. The results of the report underscored the need for a significant transportation investment in the coming months.

The Transportation Performance Report highlights how Pennsylvania's transportation infrastructure continues to deteriorate at an alarming rate without a long-term solution or sufficient investment into the problem. Everything from bridges to highways to mass transit are competing with one another for any funding that is available. The report stresses that a gap exists between transportation funding and the infusion of money the Commonwealth needs. That gap is estimated at \$3.5 billion annually and will grow to \$7 billion by 2020.

This report was issued 20 months after the Governor's own Transportation Funding Advisory Committee reported Pennsylvania had a \$2.5 billion annual transportation funding gap and released recommendations, in July 2011, on how to help close the gap. It wasn't until the release of his proposed budget in February this year that the Governor began to embrace some of the suggestions from the commission's report.

Governor Corbett's budget proposal would pump \$1.8 billion into transportation funding for our state for roads, bridges and mass transit over the next five years. Much of this new revenue would come from gradually lifting the cap of the state's Oil Company Franchise Tax which is levied on gas distributors. At the same time, the Governor's plan calls to reduce the state gasoline tax paid at the pump from 12 cents a gallon to 10 cents a gallon over two years.

Even though \$1.8 billion is a considerable amount, it is far from the commission's estimate that \$2.5 billion is needed annually to repair the aging transportation infrastructure in Pennsylvania. Considering especially that the \$1.8 billion would be allocated over a 5-year period, the Governor's proposal is only a starting point. The Senate and House Transportation Committees have joined forces and are holding bipartisan discussions aimed at finding additional funding sources for Pennsylvania's mobility network's needs. The Senate committee is scheduled to release a proposal this month that will mirror a figure closer to what the commission has previously recommended.

I will continue to advocate for swift legislative action on a plan that will address all components of transportation in our state: highways, bridges, transit systems, railways, ports and airports. It's particularly crucial that any acceptable proposal provide sufficient and predictable funding for mass transit with growth potential to address future operational and capital needs. After all, a comprehensive transit system is a core function of a vibrant, modern state.



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## CONSTRUCTION BUCKS NOW AVAILABLE

The **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** is installing different programs to keep you shopping on Brookline Boulevard during our facelift. Many merchants are running specials, doing delivery and making house calls. One of our programs is Construction Bucks.

Purchase \$25.00 of Construction Bucks for \$20.00 at **Cannon Coffee** or **A-Boss Opticians**. Construction Bucks can be used at all Participating Merchants with a sign in their window. The Bucks are not redeemable for cash and there is a limit of \$50 per merchant visited. This is a limited time offer during construction .

*-Linda Boss*



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- **FOREVER HOME BEAGLE RESCUE** call 412-304-4034 or [BeagleHQ@msn.com](mailto:BeagleHQ@msn.com) Foster homes needed as well as donations of dog food, blankets and bath towels.
- **DOGIPOT MAINTENANCE** call Lisa at 412-343-1319
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** sponsored by St. Mark's Lutheran Church call 412-343-8144
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** sponsored by Lutheran Service Society call 412-366-9490
- **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**

# Boulevard Reconstruction...The Good, The Bad and The Ugly 2013

**THE GOOD...**So I went to the Blvd to see how the project is going and guess what? *It is going very well, thank you very much!* For 14 years the City, through several administrations, has been stalling and procrastinating about starting this project. The contractor they hired **is not!!** Facchiano Construction has started with a vengeance and is keeping open access to businesses, just as they promised. They have put up barricades to separate pedestrians from traffic and built ramps to each storefront. If by some stretch of the imagination you haven't seen the plans for this project, you are going to like it when it is completed. I wouldn't be surprised if they finish ahead of schedule at the rate they are going. They are really doing a nice job!

**THE BAD...**Brookliners are staying away in droves!!!! What's up with that???? We still need to support the local businesses! Believe it or not the traffic still moves along well and there are still plenty of parking spaces, even in the Public Parking Lot (bet some of you have never used it, RIGHT??) in the **Mazza Pavilion**. So you might have to walk a little because you can't "cozy up close" to some of the stores you use! Look at it as exercise (the Doctors say walking is healthy anyway, so here's your chance) and you might walk off one of **Kribel's** or **Party Cake's** donuts while you're at it. So make an extra effort to get to your favorite shops. OH!! And by the way, "Jaywalking is illegal," so make an effort to cross at the designated crosswalks which are marked, or at the stop lights. This will help you avoid being on the wrong side of the pedestrian barricades and subject to "death by vehicle" or worse, a fine.

**THE UGLY...**What's all the "negativity" about? Everyone has known about this project for years but now that it's here some are acting like "I never knew about it!!!!" I must admit I was naïve to the fact that some everyday Brookliners seem to be "way out of touch" with their own community. I realize we all have busy lives, but there have been meetings after meetings (open to the public and well-advertised) to explain this project and its impact. It's too late now to whine and complain and taking your complaints to the construction workers is really out of place! These guys are just doing their job and giving them grief will slow down the project.

On a personal note, I find it difficult to gather any sympathy for those that have complained to me about this project. Be happy that it is finally getting done. The potential long time GOOD from this far outweighs the short time MINOR inconveniences that are either felt or imagined. So "hang in there" Brookliners, the best is yet to come!

-Robert Beiler

## BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION CONTEST WIN \$20 IN BROOKLINE BUCKS

The **Brookline** will sponsor a monthly contest throughout reconstruction. You can enter by dropping your name and telephone number in the contest box at **Cannon Coffee**, emailing us at [mnp.grabowski@verizon.net](mailto:mnp.grabowski@verizon.net) with your name and telephone number and putting "Contest Entry" in the subject line, or snail mailing at **The Brookline**, P.O. Box 96136, Pittsburgh, PA 15226. This month's entry is due by May 20. We will announce the May winner in the June newsletter.

**APRIL CONTEST WINNER IS MICHELLE OBELDOBEL.**

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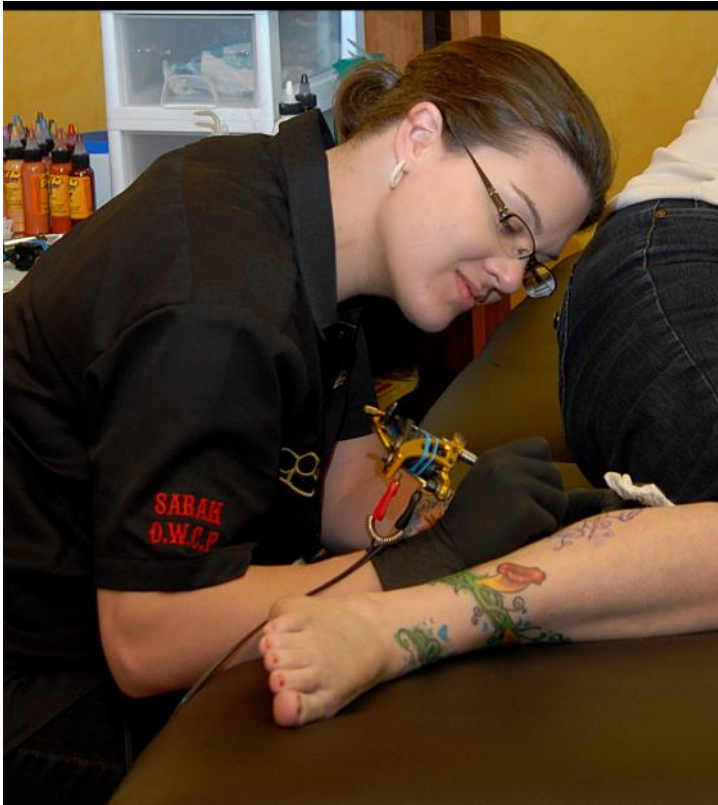


### Happy Anniversary!!

The couple that may be seen walking the neighborhood are celebrating 50 years! May 25, 1963, Ed and Gerry tied the knot. They moved to Brookline 2 years later. They most often can be spotted in the library or the bakeries. The secret to their success? Returning often to their honeymoon spot, Niagara Falls (Casino), random love notes and homemade baked goods.

**Congratulations Mom & Dad!**  
*We love you, Di & Lori, and Karen & Bill*

# No Slowing Down for Ink Master's Sarah Miller



Nearly three months after claiming the runner-up spot on “Ink Master,” **Sarah Miller** has not slowed down.

“This is a whole new normal,” she said. “It’s nuts. Our shop’s been kicking, too. We’ve been getting walk-ins left and right.”

Miller, a tattoo artist and owner of **Wyld Chyld Tattoo** on Brookline Boulevard, was a contestant in the second season of Spike TV’s reality show featuring tattoo competitions.

The title of Ink Master ultimately went to artist Steve Tefft of Groton, Conn., who won \$100,000 and a feature in Inked Magazine, but Miller said she’s just fine with second place.

Although she initially didn’t give much thought to being on the show, Miller said the experience challenged her and made her a better artist.

“I knew it would be grueling and tough and would push my limits,” she said. “In that respect, I’ve definitely gotten more in touch with myself, what I can do and how I perform under pressure.”

When the show ended, Miller joined the convention circuit. In addition to running the Brookline Boulevard shop—she attributed her success there to the shop’s group of talented artists and co-workers—she’s been featured in

the Ink Life and Baltimore Tattoo conventions, among others.

She’s made stops in Florida, Texas, Chicago, California and even Germany.

It’s humbling and rewarding to have people seeking out her and the **Wyld Chyld Shop**, she said, especially after the challenges of a reality television competition.

Miller was often the subject of tough criticism on the show, from the other artists as well as viewers, who chided her for her intense reactions, and her show of unrelenting passion for her work.

“The public feedback was hardest to deal with at first,” she said. “When you look at yourself, you don’t necessarily see yourself as other people see you. For people to gather my entire character based on a couple minutes of a meltdown I may have had because of stress or lack of sleep ... the situation on the show was really difficult and I think anyone in those circumstances would snap at least once.”

What viewers also didn’t see, she said, were the difficulties the competitors dealt with in their personal lives, which often added stress to an already grueling schedule.

Miller herself was dealing with the loss of a close friend, who died of an illness while “Ink Master” was filming in New York during the summer of 2012.

It was hard not to break down, she said, but tattoos are like therapy for her. Miller used her skill to help her friend’s family by holding a benefit at Thanksgiving.

Fortunately, she said, her fellow competitors were generally supportive of each other.

“More than anything, people were supportive as opposed to back-biting,” she said. “We’re only competing to win the final prize. We can look at each others’ work and pick a winner and a loser between ourselves. Nine times out of 10 we’ve picked the loser correctly, but it’s a lot harder to pick the winner.”

Miller said she has stayed in touch with many of the show’s artists, and plans to work with some of them again at future events.

In the meantime, she said, she hopes the business **Wyld Chyld** has picked up will extend to the rest of the Boulevard.

“I really do just hope the success on the show has helped the whole community,” she said. “I really want the community to take off. I really want everyone to share in this success, and the more successful I am, that’s a bigger draw for the Boulevard.”

-Erin Faulk

[This article originally appeared in the [Dormont-Brookline Patch](#) on March 7, 2013]

Photo by *Melissa Distel*

# 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, Wed, Fri 9:15am-8:45pm; Tue, Thu 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!



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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.



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## 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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# COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THIS MONTH

### May 13 Monday

**Chamber of Commerce** 6:00PM at Carnegie Library of Brookline 708 Brookline Blvd.

### May 14 Tuesday

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

### May 20 Monday

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

### May 27 Monday

**Memorial Day Parade** 10:00AM Parade begins at Flatbush and Brookline Blvd.

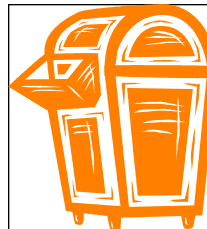


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-Shadyside Newslitter™ December 2, 2012



**Brookline Area Community Council** is distributing one dollar **Boulevard Reconstruction Bucks** for use by people shopping on the Boulevard. You can get Bucks and a list of participating businesses from board members of **BACC**. Board members will be passing out bucks at gatherings in Brookline also. There will be no general meeting of **BACC** in May due to congestion and construction.

## Heritage Players News



### Sunday, May 5 and Monday, May 6

Auditions for *Nunsense* at 6:30 PM at the Schoolhouse Arts Center, 2nd floor, 2600 South Park Road, Bethel Park 15102. Performances will be held June 21-23 and 28-30 at the **Seton Center**. Seeking actors ages 20 to 40s for the five nun roles. Must learn a tap dance.

### Saturday, May 18 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 PM

Murder-mystery dinner fundraiser show, *Till Death Do Us Part* at the Castle Shannon Borough Building, 3310 McRoberts Road, Castle Shannon 15234. Ticket price of \$25.00. Online reservation by May 11. Includes show and dinner catered by Mama Lucia. Donations of gift baskets for Chinese auction welcome. For more information please visit [www.heritageplayers.org](http://www.heritageplayers.org) or call 412-254-4633.



## BROOKLINE'S 2013 EARTH DAY REDD-UP

**Brookline's Earth Day Redd -Up** will be held on Saturday May 25. Participants should meet at Cannon Coffee at 9:00AM. While we will be limited on what we can do on the Boulevard, we will clean many of the side streets and other areas suggested by residents. If you know an area or street that needs cleaned, call us at 412-343-2859 or email [mnp.grabowski@verizon.net](mailto:mnp.grabowski@verizon.net) and put "trash" in the subject line.

## MAY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

At Carnegie Library of Brookline

Wednesday, May 8 at 1:00PM *The Litigators* by John Grisham

Monday, May 20 at 6:00PM *In The Woods* by Tana French

Book Buzz At Cannon Coffee

Thursday, May 23 at 6:00PM *Downtown Owl* by Chuck Klosterman





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## RECONSTRUCTION NOTES

Brookline Boulevard reconstruction has benefitted one business and hurt another. **Suns of Intanity** did see a drop off in their business since they went behind the barricade. Owners **Dana** and **Kandace Mandarino** said the recent warm weather has helped to improve business. It's ironic that people tanning to look good in their vacation bikinis wouldn't think the exercise from walking a little farther would help their appearance, too. Come on ladies, walk the extra block to get to **Suns of Intanity**. It's good for you.

Three storefronts down at **Decio's Custom Tailoring**, **Decio Rapali** is celebrating. He's picked up three new customers from Brookline. They told him they didn't know he was on the Boulevard. The barricades force people to walk away from storefronts, and people are noticing businesses they blindly walked by in the past.

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# News from Pittsburgh Brookline Pre K-8



April showers didn't stop the students, families, and faculty of Pittsburgh **Brookline PreK-8** from accomplishing great things! Our students finished PSSA and TerraNova testing. Thanks to everyone – moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors and friends – who helped the children arrive at school on time, well-rested, and ready to do their best! We would also like to take a moment to say “thank you” to everyone in the Brookline community for their extra care and concern during the Brookline Boulevard construction. Your careful attention helps to keep all of our students safe, particularly those who walk to and from school.

Our students were thrilled to each receive a book donated by a member of the Brookline School Class of 1961. Thank you so much to the alumni group for coordinating the book drive and making this generous donation to the children. We all know how important reading is, and a wide variety of reading materials is instrumental in keeping children interested in reading. Also, reading is vital to making our students ready for the Pittsburgh Promise!

A good time was had by all at our Book Fair and Spring Carnival the evening of April 19. Thank you to all of the staff and parents who volunteered to make the night a success. We'd also like to thank the parents who staffed the Book Fair during the day when students could make purchases on their own, and who helped to set up and break everything down.

The Merry Month of May is going to be a busy one! Our first event will be the spring Semi-Formal Dance on Friday, May 10, for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. Thank you to the Parent-Teacher Organization for sponsoring the dance and coordinating the delicious food and drinks.

The next big event will be V.I.P. Day on May 17. All students are invited to bring a Very Important Person to school with them that day. This person could be a father, mother, grandparent, or other person significant in the student's life. V.I.P.s will enjoy a light breakfast and classroom visits and be able to take in hallway displays of students' academic and art work.

On May 23, our first grade classes will be visiting Triple B Farms. The next day, our sixth graders will head to Kennyswood and the seventh and eighth graders will travel to Cedar Point. We wish you all safe travels and lots of good memories.

Parents and families are requested to share their thoughts about our school, our staff, and our school district by completing the annual parent survey. Surveys were mailed home the week of March 25. Administrators and school board members want to hear parents' needs and concerns, and this is an excellent way to share them. Surveys must be completed by May 24. Parents who prefer can access the survey at [www.PPSParentSurvey.com](http://www.PPSParentSurvey.com). Arabic, Chinese, and Spanish-language versions are all available at that website, too.

Did you know that you can register students for kindergarten right now? Children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2013. Students who are registered will be invited to kindergarten orientation which takes place on Fun Day, June 7, 2013. Pre-school applications are being accepted, too. For details, or if you have any questions, please call our school at 412/571-7380 or visit the Pittsburgh Public Schools' newly redesigned website at [www.pghboe.net](http://www.pghboe.net).

Our eighth graders will be promoted on June 12 at 9 a.m. The location will be announced closer to the date. The annual kindergarten celebration will be held the last day of school, June 13, also at 9 a.m. It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is nearly upon us! We hope that your month of May is merry, too.

-Amy Cornelius Dembosky, parent  
-Patty Gardner, First Grade Teacher

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



It's hard to believe that another school year is flying by. It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming the children back from summer break. I would like to start our article this month with a correction to last month's article.

For those of you who don't know, we have two wonderful Fulton children at **West Liberty**. While they are identical twins, there is only one winner for the Carson Scholarship. The actual winner was **Angie Fulton**. Angie is a devoted and hard working student at **West Liberty**. She is a Girl Scout and a Safety for our school. Since her mom is our PTO president, **Mrs. Heather Fulton**, she helps her mom with these tasks on many occasions. She also enjoys taking Tae Kwon Do lessons. I spoke with Angie's 5<sup>th</sup> grade literacy teacher, **Mrs. Sheryl Reitmeyer**, and she described Angie as a "voracious reader." She remembers when Angie was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and that Angie would borrow 5<sup>th</sup> grade books to read. Great job Angie! Keep up the good work!

Our students are continuing to prepare for their ballroom dance competition which will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Pittsburgh Allderdice High School auditorium. Go Team Red!!! Currently our students are taking their PSSA tests (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment). Keep reaching for the stars! We know you can do it! Our field trip season is soon approaching and the children are filled with excitement and anticipation about future outings. This month we also had a Jump with Jill assembly, which was presented by the Adagio Health Program. It was a great interactive program where the children were taught to eat healthy foods and encouraged to try new vegetables and fruits. After the program, each child was given motivational material and healthy snacks of vegetables, fruit and hummus.

As we come to the close of another article, we would like to announce our hard working students who made the honor roll and high honor roll for the third report period. The students include: **First Grade: Kylee Grippio, Jonah McBride, Michael Sweeney, Nathaniel Akam, Landon Bauer, Hannah Black, Leah Black, Brayden Carcia, Justin Carder, Gage Derrick, Joshua Garcia-Gomez, Onya Goodwin, Celena Hodge, Jayonna Johnson-Dunwell, Riley Joyce, Connor Jozwiak, Isabelle Junaidi, Logan Keady, Anthony Ketter, Danielle Kohr, Michael Lippold, Mason Maxwell, Brianna Oneil, Aubrey Panella, Laila Panella, Alexa Philistine, Alex Rowser, Kylic Schanck, Alexis Stowe, Danielle Swearingen, McKayla Vietmeier, and Aric White.**

**Second Grade: Carly Ayers, Alaina Chojnacki, Brenna Clegg, Liam Gorsuch, Shi Quon Lane, Madison Maxwell, Shane McCalla, Gabriella Stanizzo, Destiny Stone, Allison Berlin, Dorian Bilkerdijk, Rylee Blake, Cheyenne Burgos, Bella Crapis, Michele Defide, Delaney Devault, Sarah Dugan, Benjamin Fishman, Linsey Greb, Christopher Grosse, Jacob Grosse, Katelynn Joyce, Ireland Kennedy, Samarra Laur, and Ashley Lippold.**

**Third Grade: Gary Alspach, Aaron Anthony, Kevin Ayers, Timothy Bateman, Mitchell Collinsworth, Emerson Davis-Martin, Keegan Derrick, Nolan Dunn, Shylynn Hancock, Kailey Keating, Draven Kennedy, Kayleigh McDermott, Bayleigh Meade, Cole Morrison, Day-Jour Pack, Anthony Romano, Logan Schramm, Avah Tisdale, Cody Wadlow, Kailee Waite, Damor Williams, Mohammed Baled, Ashlynn Bushmen, Evan Carter, Carter Czegan, Elizabeth Dugan, Christian Hutchison, Allison Krapp, Hanna Kuchnicki, Maura Lenkner, Madison Lohner, Leslie Manson, Ashley Michel, Giselle Pennix, Casey Price, Sela Rectenwald, and Milena Yochus.**

**Fourth Grade: Tyler Andrews, Julia Blake, Kaylin Bradley, Alexander Collinsworth, Finnegan Davis-Martin, Lynasia Lane, Tyler Palmer, Visawn Pennix, Alexa Smith, Elijah Williams, Nicholas Ault, Adam Chandler, Cameron Colwell, Zoe Deline, Madison Kyle, Jennfer Lipold, Alexander Loeffert, Nicholas Mohan, Roland Rhyne, Sean Smith, Emily Synowiec, Jaden Vincent, and Savannah White.**

**Fifth Grade: Akrie Todd, Jarrett Connelly, Alyssa Darden, Devon Gammage, Donald Horne, Tylah Jones, Samuel Korinko, Alvin Minor, Ian Mullen, Ryan Recker, Tayvon Reed, Jaclyn Salla, Steven Schramm, Delanie Staab, Tyler Yochus, Christopher Bittner, Isabella Bondi, Sara Bushmen, Dynasti Dickerson, Alexandria Fulton, Angelina Fulton, Gya Gage, Jonathan Grabowski, Timothy Green, Torrie Komoroski, Hanah Lacek, Nicholas Lippold, Alexis McElravy, Brenton Morefield, Liam O'Neil, Tatiana Romanelli, Julian Satria, Richard Shulik, Jai'Lyr Smith, Noah Synowiec, Aaliyah Thomas, Kelsey Waite, and Aiden Walsh.**

That is all for now. Enjoy the beginning of Spring! Remember **Pittsburgh West Liberty** is "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts!"

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

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Every day of the year, Americans across the nation remember friends and family members who have served and sacrificed for their country. Memorial Day is a day when we all come together to honor those who have given their lives in the defense of freedom and the principles we hold dear in this country.

May is also National Military Appreciation Month. As we observe Memorial Day and Military Appreciation Month, we would like to let members of our military know how much we value what they do for our nation.

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For service members who return home with injuries, Social Security is here to help. Visit our Wounded Warriors website. You can find it at [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors). We use an expedited process for military service members who become disabled while on active military service, regardless of where the disability occurs.

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.

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.

If you've served in the Armed Forces and you're planning your retirement, you'll want to read our publication, *Military Service and Social Security* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.pdf).

You also may want to visit the *Military Service* page of our *Retirement Planner*, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/veterans.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/veterans.htm).

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-Patricia Thibault, Social Security Manager

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**Angels' Place** is a non-profit organization that provides free child care and certified preschool instruction to the children of single parents with limited income who are going to school. The Brookline **Angels' Place** is one of three in the Pittsburgh area, along with sites on the North Side and in Swissvale.

**Angels' Place** accepts children as young as infants. All of its teachers have a Bachelor's degree or higher in Early Childhood Education and at pre-school age the children are prepared for kindergarten. All of the centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. On average, 95 percent of students in the **Angels' Place** Pre-K program gain the skills needed to successfully begin kindergarten.



But **Angels' Place** doesn't focus just on the kids. The goal is to allow the parents to get the tools they need to become fully contributing members of the community. Along with providing parents with child care so they can go to school, the organization provides them with tutoring, support groups, and counseling. What **Angels' Place** asks in return is that participating parents go to class regularly and get passing grades, take part in parenting instruction sessions, and work service hours at the center.

success stories are many. "We want to allow our parents to become self-sufficient," says Program Director of the Brookline center, **Andrea Schachner**. Particularly gratifying to Andrea are the positive changes she has seen in so many children. She tells the story of two children who entered **Angels' Place** nonverbal and with limited social skills. Within weeks of being in the program, both the staff and the parents had commented on the success of the children, who were speaking more and beginning to engage in developmentally appropriate play with their peers.

"It's one of our goals to make sure our children are kindergarten-ready when they leave our program," says Andrea. "We do this by focusing on their social skills. Our curriculum is based on the belief that children grow and develop to their full potential when provided opportunities to explore, relate, and solve problems through play."



**Angels' Place** welcomes many different types of volunteer help. If you're interested in donating time, the center can use you in helping the teachers, maintenance of the facility, and putting on special events. The center also invites donations of money, food, clothing, cleaning products, and classroom supplies. Donations of clothing go not just to enrolled families, but also to others in need in the community.

For more information, call the Brookline **Angels' Place** at 412-531-6667 or visit their website at [www.angelsplacepgh.org](http://www.angelsplacepgh.org).



-Dan Kaczmarksi



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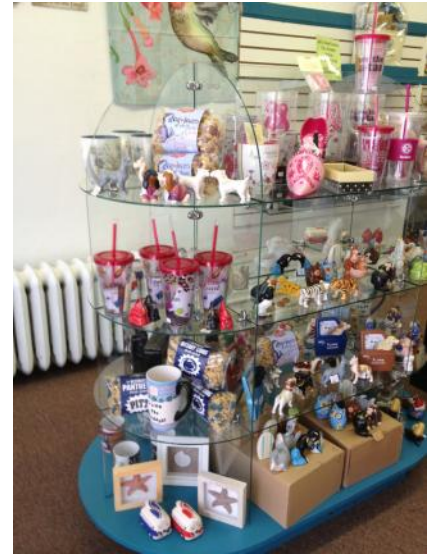
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