

KELLY'S KOLLECTIONS BOUTIQUE



Kelly Wallace Ventrice, a lifelong Brookline resident has opened **Kelly's Kollections Boutique** in half of what was Jacqueline's Salon. With a background in bartending and a stint as a waitress at the old Tambellini's on Route 51, Kelly's passion has always been in fashion. About seven years ago, Kelly started giving home parties selling fashion, handbags and candles. Her eye for fashion and unique gift items lead to her new venture.

Kelly's inventory is quite diverse. There is a selection of handbags and clutch bags. A consignment rack of clothing sits in the center of the shop, but don't expect to resell your Target jacket here. This is strictly mid to upper consignment. A red spaghetti-strap cocktail dress and a little black cocktail dress as well as several pair of fashion jeans were on the rack the day I stopped.

There is a strong religious theme in many of the jewelry pieces. Kelly recalled her grandmother telling her that it was important to find time for God in each day. Kelly has what she calls a rosary bracelet, small rectangles strung on elastic thread to recreate a cuff. Each tile features a religious picture on both sides. This reversible bracelet sells for \$12. There are bracelets with crosses and peace signs that can be molded for an individual fit. She also carries a bracelet similar to the popular Pandora line. The bracelets run from \$8 to \$25.



Kelly describes her style as chic, trendy and hip. Her exuberant personality was evident as she greeted some old friends who stopped to check out her shop, but you don't have to be an old friend to feel Kelly's enthusiasm. She greets all her customers like friends.



Kelly pays attention to trends. There are pieces of jewelry and statues to satisfy the current owl trend, and the area code T shirts that started in Miami are here with Pittsburgh's 412. They hang next to a Polamalu jersey. Kelly would like to become the "Home of the Black and Gold on the Boulevard."



Decorated ID tag holders for a Connect Card, student ID or work ID hang next to the front counter. Beside the tags sits a counter of soaps and lotions. There are bars of Mia Bella Soap next to a line of Let It Be products. Let It Be is a line of locally-made natural bath and body products.



Kelly has some winter items perfect for early Christmas shopping. Snooki's furry leg warmers come in black and a fashionable shade of taupe. Fur-lined fingerless gloves with tie-up sides come in a warm shade of rust, a vibrant plum and neon green as well as navy and tan. The gloves are \$10.

Kelly accepts credit cards, cash, check with proper ID, and she has layaway. Gift wrapping is free. The sign board in front of the store lists the promotions and sales of the day. She also has "Kelly Kash" which gives \$5 off a purchase of \$25 or more.

With Kelly's wide variety, it should be easy to find the perfect gift.

-Pamela Grabowski



Letter from the Editor

October arrives with fewer rumors and greater recognition of just what the reconstruction means. One lane of traffic on the business side of the Boulevard and no U turns allowed on the Boulevard are two of the changes. There will be a learning curve.

The final meeting on branding the Boulevard was held on September 12. Attendees were young. They are the new residents of Brookline. They walk; they bike; they want a community that has activities for fitness. They are imagining a more vibrant shopping district, and they want to make it happen. We look forward to seeing their ideas come to fruition. The final part of this project will be to combine Thursday's ideas and suggestions into a workable plan.

When we started the newsletter five years ago, we never thought we would run out of Brookline merchants to interview. Or, we didn't envision being around this long. Since our merchant list is growing short, it's a good time to "reconstruct" **The Brookline**. Like the Boulevard reconstruction, our changes will be a slow process.

We have received some interesting ideas for a "reconstructed" newsletter from different front page topics to making better use of technology to enhance the online edition. "*Faced with the choice between changing one's mind and proving that there is no need to do so, almost everyone gets busy on the proof,*" John Kenneth Galbraith. The newsletter focus will continue to be Brookline, but we will be considering other aspects of the community. As we delve into our reconstruction, we ask you to fight the urge to focus on proving there was no reason to change. We are welcoming the new, young residents to share their ideas and skills to "reconstruct" **The Brookline** and look forward to working with them. After all, they are the future of Brookline and this newsletter.

While planning is already underway for a grand reopening of the Boulevard celebration in April or May of 2014, the merchants need your business now. Since our merchants can't put their business on hiatus while reconstruction is in progress, it only seems fair that we suffer through some inconvenience to continue shopping on the Boulevard. The construction workers have been extremely helpful guiding residents around barricades and stopping construction so cars can access driveways. Seven months ago we were talking about the beginning of reconstruction; now it's almost over.

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We have over 1,400 readers.

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October 12 for November's Issue
November 12 for December's Issue

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Donations through August 2013:

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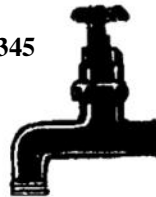
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Aggravated Assault	11	3
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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



- **Trashcans:** When the new trashcans are in place, you will notice that there is a place for cigarette butts. *Hint, hint:* use them when they're installed.
- **Mast arms:** The mast arms are the large arms that extend out into the street. The arms at the intersections are for the traffic lights. The other arms are for signage. Speaking of signage, one of the signs will be **NO U TURNS**; this will be enforced along with other changes that will be part of

Brookline Boulevard. For example, there will be a driving lane and a pull-out lane on the business side of the Boulevard.

- At **Beach Treats Gifts** and **Hair by Conroy** there will be railings installed. They will be installed late September or early October.
- If you haven't been on Brookline Boulevard, you should take a look. The new streetlights are up, and I must say they look very nice.
- **Pioneer and Brookline Boulevard:** The work in this area has started. Use caution when driving.
- **School kids:** The supervisors have talked with the crossing guard at Pioneer and Brookline Boulevard to insure the safety of the kids.
- Take a look at some of the businesses; they too are making improvements. **Wine and Spirits** looks wonderful; you can't miss it. **Pitaland** has a new café and is well worth checking out.
- **Pets:** Look around. Did you notice the signs concerning your pets? When walking your pet, clean up after him or her. The Boulevard landscaping is not for your animal waste. Keep a look out for the doggie pots. We have permission to reinstall them.
- **Landscaping/Trees:** The City of Pittsburgh Forestry Department has volunteers called tree tenders who will be caring for the trees along with the City.
- **A tidbit regarding streetlights on the residential side:** When the sidewalks are in, only the post will be seen. The cement block around the post will be part of the sidewalk.

-Lois McCafferty



SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

Every year, more than \$10 billion is collected in school property taxes in Pennsylvania. However, the state has been unsuccessful in waging the property tax debate for decades. One thing most people can agree on is that something needs to be done to eliminate the current outdated, archaic and unfair system that the Commonwealth uses.

Last year, over 117,000 reassessment appeals were filed by property owners in Allegheny County, which overloaded the appeals system and created a backlog. Although the appeals filed in 2013 have been nowhere near the numbers of last year, citizens continue to demand a change. In addition, a court-ordered reassessment has revealed that the current process is subjective, confusing, and amounts to a very costly mandate.

Allegheny County's government is a unique institution because we have what is known as a "Home Rule Charter." This was established through a May 1998 referendum that grants the voters of Allegheny County the ability to control the structure and operations of the county government through the voting process. After years of debating the various options, I have determined that the best option for the assessment situation is to apply the Home Rule Charter if our local government cannot determine a long-term solution.

I have once again introduced Senate Bill 418 (SB 418) which would authorize Allegheny County Council to eliminate property assessments through an ordinance. An ordinance of this manner will prohibit Allegheny County as well as any political subdivision, like municipalities or schools districts, within the county from imposing a property tax. If County Council does not adopt the ordinance because they do not want to cast a vote or because they lack a majority vote, the County Council, or the voters of Allegheny County, will have the ability to propose the ordinance through a public referendum.

If Allegheny County Council or a voter referendum elects to eliminate a property tax, revenue for the county, municipality and school services received under a property tax must be funded through others means. SB 418 addresses this issue through granting the county, and **each** municipality and school district, the ability to collect an earned income tax, personal income tax, sales tax, fee per square foot on real property or any other tax authorized under the Local Tax Enabling Act, or combination of to make up this lost revenue.

I have put mechanisms in my legislation to prevent the municipalities from implementing drastic tax increases for these services rendered. The governing bodies of the municipalities will be prohibited from increasing the tax to raise no more than the amount of revenue collected from the property taxes in the year in which the prohibition was imposed. In the future, increases in the rate of any tax or fee would require a majority vote by the governing body.

Many bills have been introduced in Harrisburg that would eliminate property taxes through various means and I am a co-sponsor to several of these pieces of legislation. However, the residents of Allegheny County, myself included, are growing impatient with the lack of movement of real property tax reform.

I represent the people of Allegheny County and I believe in the Home Rule Charter. SB 418 gives residents the opportunity to allow their voices to be heard through a referendum. This measure will also provide the vehicle necessary to grant each municipality a say in how they are governed and the flexibility needed for the local government and school districts to work together to find a solution to address the seriousness of the property tax issue within the County until other legislation can pass statewide.



OCTOBER BOOK DISCUSSIONS AT CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF BROOKLINE

Wednesday, October 9 at 1:00PM *The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova

Monday, September 16 at 6:00PM *Saving CeeCee Hunicutt* by Beth Hoffman



Carnegie Library Book Buzz At Cannon Coffee
Thursday, October 24 at 6:00PM *3 Bags Full* by Leonie Swann



BROOKLINE RECREATION CENTER

Weight Room and Fitness Center

Our FREE state-of-the-art weight room and fitness center includes an assortment of weight-lifting and cardio workout equipment. Patrons ages 16-17 must be oriented and accompanied by a parent or guardian. Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00am-9:00pm; Tue, Thu 1:00pm-9:00pm; Sat 8:00am-4:00pm. Membership card is required. Weight Room and Fitness Center for city residents only.



Pittsburgh Boxing Club

Workouts on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:30pm. All participants must supply their own hand wraps and work-out clothing. Co-ed 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.



Yoga

Relax on 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!



Girls on Track at Moore Recreation Center

A program for girls in grades 6-8 combining conditioning and training in preparation for a 5k, while instilling self-esteem and strong values through Health Education. Limited enrollment online at www.gotrmagee.org. Scholarships available for those who qualify and registration fee is based on a sliding income scale. Questions- contact Coach Loni 412-758-6456.

Colorguard & Twirling

For ages 4-22 begins Wednesday, October 2, at Moore Recreation Center. Learn a new sport or add on to your experience and be part of a team. Twirl a baton or swing a flag to make a routine spectacular! Call Lynn 412-867-6990.

Basketball Clinic

There will be a 6-week clinic for ages 6-8 starting Saturday, October 19. Fee is \$10.

Winter Soccer

For ages 4-6 and 7-9 will be starting soon. Applications are now being accepted.

Walk Fit Classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Classes are ongoing and great way to have fun and get into shape! If you have your own light weights or ankle weights, please bring them with you. Class is free.

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



Happy Halloween

Call for Volunteers

- **FOREVER HOME BEAGLE RESCUE** call 412-304-4034 or 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
- **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.angelsplaceph.org
- **OPEN YOUR HEART TO A SENIOR** Volunteers needed to assist senior citizens. Call Family Services at 412-661-1670.

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.**



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-Daryl Wood
Independent Representative of Primerica
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SORRY TO SEE YOU GO



Have you heard the one about the couple who opened a gift store and no one came? **Peggy and Rick Lawrence** gave the shop their all, but **Beach Treats Gifts** closed at the end of September. They will be continuing the corporate, gift basket, event planning and personal shopping part of the business, but the retail store closed. Contact information for Rick & Peggy will be coming.

I will miss this shop. It had become my monthly stop for birthday gifts for family and friends, and the occasional gift for myself.

-Pamela Grabowski

-Photo by *Larry Rippel*, Councilwoman *Natalia Rudiak's* office

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REPRESENTATIVE ERIN MOLCHANY

Well, the fall Session of the Pennsylvania General Assembly has reconvened. After a few summer weeks of talking to constituents around the district, I return to Harrisburg with an even stronger conviction to speak as your voice. This fall we will address a variety of topics. However, I intend to again make comprehensive transportation funding my top priority. I will fight to ensure that funding for mass transportation is sustainable because public transit is the keystone to future economic growth in the South Hills. Stay tuned.

I will also be very busy in-district this fall.

Beginning October 1, a new online Health Insurance Market place will provide millions of families and small businesses who currently don't have insurance, or are looking for a better deal, a new way to find health coverage that fits their needs and their budgets. These Market places are designed to make understanding the process of becoming insured easier and to set a high standard for quality and affordability. Coverage will begin in January of 2014.

Although the Affordable Care Act is the law of the land, with changes already taking place, politics has gotten in the way of your government fulfilling their obligation to explain to you how this law effects the average citizen and which resources are available to help navigate this new system.

Recognizing that these political games will only cause confusion and frustration, I have directed my office to host a series of free events with healthcare experts to help you understand these changes and how they might affect you.

Community Leader Seminars

- Oct 11, 8:00-10:00am, Whitehall Borough Community Room, 100 Borough Park Rd, 15236
- Oct 26, 8:00-10:00am, Grandview Bakery, 225 Shiloh Street, 15211

Small Business Owner Seminars

- Oct. 11, 8:00-10:00am: Small Business Breakfast - Whitehall Borough Community Room, 15236
- Oct. 25, 8:00-10:00am: Small Business Breakfast - Grandview Bakery, 225 Shiloh Street, 15211

Open Enrollment Events

- Nov. 7, 5:00-8:00pm at Brookline Library, 708 Brookline Boulevard, 15226
- Nov. 8, 9:00am-1:00pm at Whitehall Library, 100 Borough Park Road, 15236
- Nov. 12, 2:00-6:00pm, Mt. Washington Library, 315 Grandview Ave, 15211

All events are free and open to the public. To RSVP, please contact my office at 412-343-2094 or visit my website at <http://www.pahouse.com/Molchany>.

COYOTE IN BROOKLINE



I just wanted to let you know that on Sunday, September 8, at 1:00PM there was a coyote walking back and forth in my yard. I live on Milan Avenue. He chased a herd of 10 deer out of the woods and up the street. I filmed the coyote from my window, and KDKA ran the video [We were unable to locate a link to the video.] on their newscast. Residents with small dogs that they allow to run in their yards alone should be especially vigilant.

-Dan Peden



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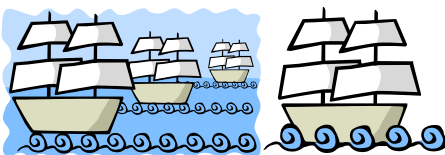
It is difficult to believe that fall has arrived. You can hear the rustling of the crisp leaves and feel the chill in the air. It is time to start thinking about wearing warmer clothes while realizing that another summer of fun and relaxation has slipped away. In August, we had our "Back to School" event which included snow cones, our annual Chinese auction, distributing information about returning to school, introducing the children to their teachers, and showing the children their new classrooms. The Chinese auction consisted of items that were donated by our teachers and were then raffled to the students and their families. This year, since we have a new PTO, we decided to donate half of the proceeds to help fund the PTO's pumpkin patch activities. Patriots' Day was celebrated on September 11 at **Pittsburgh West Liberty**. We held a ceremony to honor veterans as well as those individuals who serve the community on a daily basis. Currently, we are kicking the year off with our "Practice till Perfect" math campaign headed by our very own math teacher leader, **Mrs. Denise Deltondo**. Each grade competes against each other to get the most facts correct in a timed environment. We will be having this competition from first through fifth grade. In order to help these children reach their goal, they must practice and have constant exposure to the facts.

Are you looking for something to do? Even if you have as little as an hour a week we would love to have you come and join our family. Our children are in need of tutors to read with them, practice words on flashcards and review math facts on flash cards. Don't have time to donate? You can help in other ways. Our PTO will gladly accept donations of pencils, tissues, hand sanitizer, Lysol wipes, and clear shoebox containers. If you would like to volunteer, please keep in mind you will need a current criminal background check and current child abuse clearances. To obtain information on how to apply or how to donate, please call **Mrs. Sharon Brunk** at 412-571-7420. Speaking of upcoming tutoring, we also have some events coming up this month.

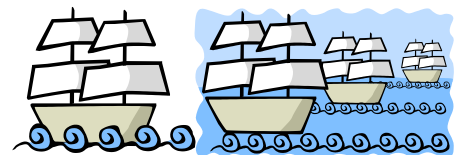
On October 17, we will be having our annual open house. At this event, parents are welcome to meet with their child's teacher and see their child's classroom. They are provided with tips and materials on how to help their child have a successful school year. We will also be having our bake sale and book sale during open house. The book sale runs the entire week from October 14 through October 18. What a great way to promote your child's interest in reading and at the same time increase their reading skills by purchasing some books that they have chosen. Another activity in the planning stages is the preparation of our dance team. Last year they proudly brought home the silver, but this year we have a secret weapon. Our current Principal was at a school last year that brought home the gold trophy. Maybe she can give us some pointers and help us bring home the gold. Lastly, we will have our fall parade and festivities at the end of the month.

November is just around the corner, and we look forward to updating you on those activities. Try to keep warm and remember **Pittsburgh West Liberty** is the place "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."

*-Deonne Arrington, Principal
-Teresa Grusong-Adams, First grade teacher*



COLUMBUS DAY OCTOBER 14



BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION CONTEST WIN \$20 IN BROOKLINE CONSTRUCTION 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 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 October 20. We will announce the October winner in the November newsletter. **SEPTEMBER CONTEST WINNER WAS MARLENE VIETMEIER**

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS MONTH

October 14 Monday

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

October 8 Tuesday

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

October 21 Monday

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

October 26 Saturday

Fall Redd-Up with Pitt Make a Difference Day 10:00AM – 2:00PM Meet at Cannon Coffee at 9:30AM


Chamber of Commerce Halloween Parade 2:00PM Parade begins at The Cannon



Advent Church at 3010 Pioneer Avenue is having a spaghetti dinner on October 12, 2013 from 4:00PM-7:00PM. It is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors (60 and up), \$4 for children between the ages of 4-12 and children under 4 free. The proceeds from this dinner will go towards the Christmas Day Dinner that is held at Advent Church each year.



Halloween Parade Saturday, October 26 at 2:00PM. Parade forms at The Cannon. Fun for all ages. Prizes award for different categories. Sponsored by Brookline Chamber of Commerce.




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Schedule: (45 minutes per Bar)

- 8:00PM-8:45PM Moonlite Cafe
- 8:45PM-9:30PM Zippy's Saloon
- 9:30PM-10:15PM Brookline Pub
- 10:15PM-11:00PM Gordon's
- 11:00PM-11:45PM Boulevard Lounge
- 11:45PM-12:30AM Eggheads

Please also note, it's a long night of drinking so we ask that you do so responsibly. Get a ride home or walk home. The bars have the final say if you get served.

-Jennifer Grab



Beechview Plant Swap October 6th 2-5pm

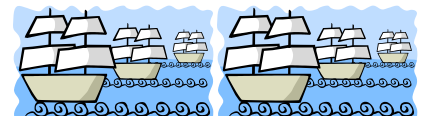
Where: The intersection of Broadway Ave and Beechview Ave Pittsburgh, 15216

What is a plant swap? It is a friendly gathering of people who love gardening. They bring plants, seedlings, seeds, or cuttings and other garden-related items to share with other fellow gardeners. All plants are swapped for equal plants with other gardeners!

What to bring: rooted plants * bulbs * tubers * rhizomes * cuttings * herbs * vegetables * trees * gardening tools / supplies * yard art * stepping stones * trellises * pots * gardening book/magazines * empty pots to fill with your new plants. All un-swapped/donated plants will be planted in the Beechview Community Garden. For more info contact Beechviewcommunitygarden@gmail.com or visit BeechviewCommunityGarden.blogspot.com



Garden Dreams Urban Farm & Nursery (Holland Ave 15221) will be donating plants to be raffled off to plant swap participants.



CVS accepts food donations for the Brookline Christian Food Pantry

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Wednesdays
7:00PM to 10:00PM



2013 BROOKLINE BREEZE

The 32nd Annual [Brookline Breeze 5K Fitness Run and Walk](#), along with the One-Mile Mini-Breeze Fun Run and Dog Walk, was held on Saturday, August 10, 2013. Over 800 runners and walkers came to **Brookline Park** to participate in what has become an August tradition in the Brookline community. With the temperature in the mid-70s, it was a wonderful day for a morning run or a brisk walk through the heart of town.

Planning for the 32nd running began back in January. There was much apprehension with regards to the Brookline Boulevard reconstruction project, which began a month later. With assurances that there would be only minor inconveniences and a lane restriction, it was decided to proceed with race preparations. Online registration opened in April and the 2013 Breeze banner was first seen along the boulevard during the Memorial Day Parade.

While the Breeze Week Car Cruise at the **Community Center** contributed to the pre-race festivities on the eve of the run, registrations rose to 625. Another strong race-day turnout pushed that total above the 800 mark for the second year in a row. The **Brookline Breeze** focuses on fitness and healthy lifestyles. These numbers are an encouraging sign in the city-wide campaign to promote an awareness of physical fitness for people of all ages.

Of the 814 entrants in this year's Breeze, it is interesting to note that while the majority of participants were from Brookline and nearby neighborhoods, there were also quite a few runners and walkers that visited from afar. There were a total of 118 zip codes represented on the registration list, and on a national level, there were seventeen states and the District of Columbia (PA, IL, OH, MA, NM, CA, MD, NY, TX, WV, HI, IN, CO, AZ, VA, FL and DC.)

The One-mile Mini-Breeze began at 8:30am, followed shortly afterwards by the Dog Walk. Seven-year old **A.J. Aquino** crossed the finish line first with a time of 7:20, followed by six-year old **Emma Woshner** at 7:30. In third place was nine-year old **Sebastian Cho**.

When the clock approached the start of the 5K event at 9:00am, the **Keystone Young Marines** color guard presented our National colors. The guard included **Brennon Williams**, **Leonard Bowers**, **Mason Bowers** and **Zachary McKay**. Afterwards, the National Anthem was sung by **Kiersten Swanson**.

There was also a short acknowledgement of a very special occasion. Present near the start line were **Tim Keefer** of Perrysville, **Colin Hackman** from Wilmington, Delaware, and **Riz Valles** of the **Pittsburgh EMS** service. At last year's Breeze, Tim suffered a heart attack near Whited Street, and it was the quick actions of both Colin and Riz that saved his life. Tim has made a full recovery and participated in this year's race with his friends.

Now it was time to start the race. Breeze co-founder **Mike Radley** fired the starter's pistol and the procession of runners and walkers began their march up Brookline Boulevard.

Justin Weaver of Greensburg, PA, crossed the finish line first, with a time of 16:14, to take the top spot. The female winner was **Lisa Lucas**, of Upper St. Clair, who broke the ribbon at the 19:05 mark. The top local runners from the Brookline community were **Devon Matthews** (19:03) and **Carrie Chisholm** (21:54).

After the race, **Brookline Park** was alive with activity. Live music was provided by Brookline's own "**The Wurms**," featuring **Jake and Mark Zucco**, **Jeff Fetterman** and **Joe Gordon**. The four rockers wurmed their way through a variety of classics while event-goers helped themselves to refreshments at the park pavilion, including drinks, fruit, ice cream from **Scoops on the Boulevard**, pizza from **Antonio's Pizzeria** and pretzels from **Vinnie's Pretzel Shoppe**. The Citiparks Roving Art Cart was also present, treating the kids to some cool crafts.

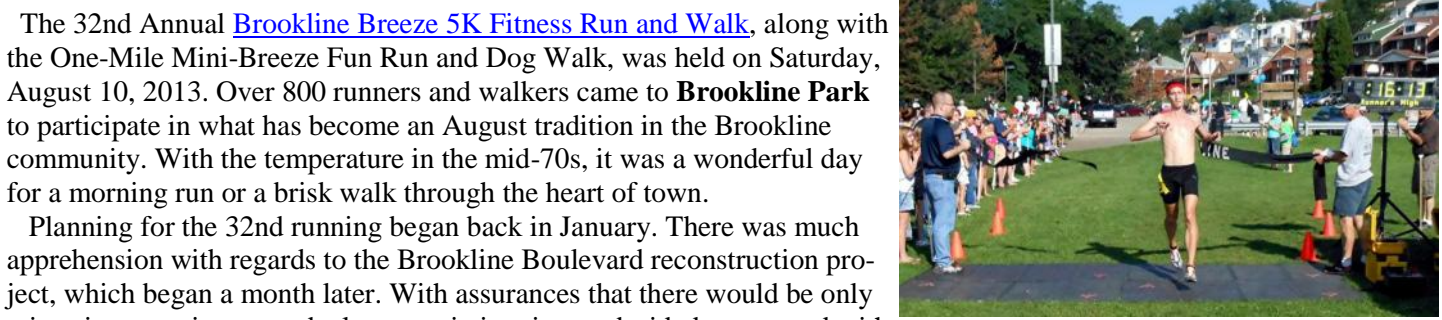
Of the 567 main event participants who completed the 5K race, the [most]senior runner was **Toni Farah**, 80, of Brookline, and the youngest was **Rosalia Varlotta**, 4, of Wexford. Toni and Rosalia were the recipients of the Fran Walsh Award, given annually to the oldest and youngest 5K finishers.

In the Dollar Bank team competition, the 13-17 year old winner was *Ring Gold* (**Noah Smith**, **Kirsten McMichael**, **Jared Jimirro**, **Caleb Lunn** and **Janika Hutton**). For the speedy teens from Monongahela, this was their second year as team champs.

After the awards presentation was over it was time to go home and enjoy a fine Saturday afternoon. It was a wonderful and eventful day in the life.

-Clint Burton

<http://brooklineconnection.com/history/Breeze/Breeze13a.html>



Justin Weaver - male winner.



Lisa Lucas - female winner.



SUNDAY TRASH WALK/TRASH TALK

Join us on Sunday to clean the Boulevard. We usually arrive at Cannon Coffee around 2:00PM, but don't wait for us. Bring your own bags, gloves and pickers. If no one shows, pick up on your own.

8/4 12 supermarket size bags of trash from the Boulevard from Pioneer to Queensboro and 8 cents

8/18 15 supermarket size bags of trash from the Boulevard from Pioneer to Queensboro and 3 cents

A BIG THANK YOU to Pastor Chris from St. Mark's and Rev. Marsha from the United Presbyterian who sponsored a Day of Service on September 8. One group picked up trash and cigarette butts from the Boulevard.



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 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

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

Norwich Ave. - Michael & Pamela Grabowski

900 Woodbourne Ave. - Diane Walkowski & Mary Anne Miller

8/2 **Mary Anne:** 900 block of Woodbourne and Harex Way - plastic bottles, cans, child's story book, cigarettes, and a pair of socks - half a kitchen bag

8/5 **Diane:** Last nite was amazing! Picked up what might amount to barely a quart, mostly cigarette butts, of course. No recyclables. Mary Anne did you go out earlier? If not, then might people be picking up?

8/18 **Diane:** A full grocery bag of trash & a full blue bag of recycling.

8/26 **Mary Anne:** Picked up 1/2 kitchen size bag of trash

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 Ave. - 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

Whited - Betty Lauda

Waddington, Kenilworth & Pioneer bet. - Kim Sabol

Bellaire Ave. bet Pioneer Ave. & Whited - Denise Robinson

Rossmore at Flatbush & Glenarm & Oletha Alley bet. Flatbush & Glenarm - Zachary & Sarah Zelazny

Eben St. - Kutschbach Family, Smooches to Pooches



**PICK UP YOUR BUTTS & WALK THE EMPTY PACK TO A TRASH CAN!
KEEP THE NEW SIDEWALKS CLEAN PLEASE!**

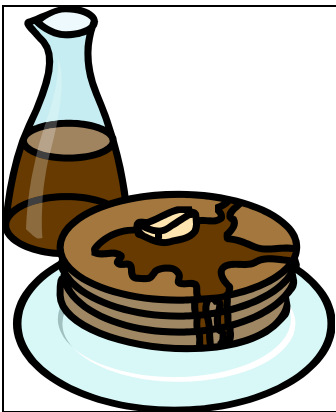


LIME WEDGES DO NOT NATURALLY COMPOST ON THE SIDEWALK. TAKE THEM HOME TO YOUR COMPOST OR PUT THEM IN THE TRASH CAN!!!!

WATCHING THE BREEZE



These photos were shared with us by *Dan Peden*.



Dormont AARP's autumn fundraiser with a Pancake /Sausage Brunch will be held at Dormont Presbyterian Church, Espy & Potomac Avenues, Dormont, on Saturday, October 5 from 8:00 am - 12:30 m. Non-members are invited. Adults \$5, children under 10 \$2. Please come. Proceeds benefit hospice care.



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COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

Though I live in South Pittsburgh and jet to and from meetings all across the City, as a City Councilmember, a lot of my time is spent Downtown at the City-County Building on Grant Street, where I represent Brookline and the rest of District 4 in our Council proceedings. Every Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m., all nine members of City Council (eight, currently, since Councilman Dowd resigned) meet to discuss official business and pass legislation. These meetings are really where the rubber meets the road in American democracy, and as citizens, you're a part of that process!

In fact, all of our meetings are open to the public, and we start every meeting off with a public comment session. Anyone is able to come down to Council Chambers and speak for three minutes on any subject relevant to the work for Council. If you're interested in coming to speak, register with the City Clerk's Office by calling 412-255-2138. These meetings are recorded, aired live, and also re-broadcast later that evening at 7:00 p.m. and again on the weekends at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Tuesday meetings on Saturdays and Wednesday meetings on Sundays) on Comcast channel 13 or Verizon channel 44. To watch Council live online, or to learn more about specific agendas and topics, access the Legislative Information Center at www.pittsburghpa.gov/lic.

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. are our regular Council meetings. Councilmembers are given an opportunity to present proclamations to individuals, organizations, or businesses that are making a positive impact in our City. Afterwards, regular Council business begins. All new bills are introduced on Tuesdays, whether a Councilmember is introducing his or her own bill or one on behalf of a City department.

If you were to turn on the television and witness a lot of vigorous discussion (or just plain arguing) around the Council table, you are most likely watching one of our Wednesday meetings. After a bill is introduced, it is typically then discussed at the following Wednesday "Standing Committee" meeting. Councilmembers sit around a large table, and often-times experts or department directors are brought to the table to allow for a full, informed discussion about a piece of legislation. Though it seems like one long meeting, it's actually a series of meetings of each Council committee. Each member is the chairperson of one of nine Standing Committees, which the Council President assigns. Though we don't directly manage all of the City's various departments (that's the job of the Mayoral Administration), we do usually oversee funding transfers. My committee is the Performance and Assessment Management Committee, which oversees functions like Computer Information Systems and Fleet Management. For a list of the committees, see <http://pittsburghpa.gov/council>.

After discussing a bill, Councilmembers can offer amendments, vote to give it preliminary approval, hold the bill for a certain amount of time, or table it for a later date. Some of our Wednesday meetings have lasted for eight hours!

On the following Tuesday, we will usually give final approval to the bill. Each member is required to vote when his or her name is called, and the vote becomes part of the public record. Every bill with at least five votes is then given to the mayor for his signature. The mayor can veto the bill, but then Council can override that with a two-thirds vote (six members out of nine total members). If the mayor takes no action with the bill, it will automatically become law after 10 days.

If you have any questions about how a bill becomes law, please feel free to contact my office through my website at <http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/district4> or by calling 412-255-2131.



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PLEASE CLEAN IT UP!!!!

The Sunday Trash Walkers have reported the overflowing bin at Citizen's Bank once a month to either 311 or at Block Watch. Someone must fill the ATM and collect deposits. Taking out the trash must not be their job!

This is typical of what we find at the bus stop at Brookline Boulevard and Castlegate on the residential side. If you must eat while waiting for the bus, take your trash with you. Or, finish in time to walk the trash to the can.



YOU'VE JUST STEPPED INTO ... THE RETIREMENT ZONE

You are about to enter another dimension. A dimension not only of work and earnings, but of pension and leisure. A journey into a wondrous land of imagination. You unlock this door with Social Security's *Retirement Estimator* and online benefit application. Next stop ... the retirement zone.

That's not exactly sticking to the original script, but some television viewers may be hearing the voice of Rod Serling ringing in their heads right now. *The Twilight Zone* television program first aired in 1959 and ran for five seasons — and continues to live on in reruns. The series took viewers through amazing journeys with each episode featuring characters who faced unusual or extraordinary circumstances.

If you're nearing retirement now, it may seem an extraordinary circumstance that these days you really can do it all from the comfort of your home or office computer. Amazing but true: you can do so much online, including getting an estimate of future benefits, testing out different retirement scenarios, completing and submitting your retirement application online, and much more!

Picture a man. A man sitting at his home computer. He isn't sure whether he should apply now, wait until he reaches full retirement age, or work a little longer and begin receiving benefits at age 70. He's about to find out ... with a visit to the *Retirement Estimator*. The *Estimator* uses his past earnings and allows him to enter variable future earnings and retirement dates to complete the picture of a retirement he'd like to live.

Imagine a woman. A woman with a laptop enjoying a hot cup of java at her favorite coffee house. She's done with planning and has decided it's time to take the plunge and retire. Before going to a local Social Security office as her parents and older siblings did, she visits www.socialsecurity.gov and discovers she can complete the entire application online and submit it in about 15 minutes. As in most cases, there are no papers to sign and no documents to provide. She ventures from www.socialsecurity.gov to an audio book and closes her eyes to begin enjoying her retirement.

Back when *The Twilight Zone* first hit television screens, the idea of testing out retirement scenarios or even completing and submitting a retirement application online would have been science fiction fodder fit for an episode of the program. Today, it is reality.

Try it out for yourself. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov and take a visit into ... the retirement zone.

-*Patricia Thibault*

Social Security District Manager

NEIGHBORS HELP TRACK ARMED MAN IN BROOKLINE



Neighbors on alert helped police catch an armed man in Brookline last [month].

According to the report from Pittsburgh Police, Zone 6 officers responded to the 600 block of Perrilyn Street just after 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 12 for a report of a burglary in progress.

Officers were flagged down by the caller, who told police a black male arrived at the house and attempted to enter by trying all the doors and windows. The caller also told police he had called his roommate, who owns the residence, and told him someone was attempting to get in.

The caller told police that right after the conversation with his roommate, he heard a downstairs window shatter and said the black male—later identified as

Johnny Palmer, 27, of Brownsville Road—started climbing through the window. According to the report, the caller chased Palmer out of his home.

According to the police report, officers were approached at the scene by other neighbors, who said there was a black male in a blue or black sweatshirt standing outside of another address in the 600 block of Perrilyn Street with a gun in his hand, and who ran into the bushes and behind the house as police arrived.

Responding backup units cleared the first residence with negative results.

Based on information received from neighbors that Palmer might have entered a second residence in the 600 block of Perrilyn Street, officers tried to make contact by ringing the bell of the second residence and knocking several times, with negative results.

Police established a perimeter around that residence, and after attempting to make contact for about 20 minutes, **Palmer** exited the residence and was taken into custody. He was taken to Allegheny County Jail and charged with burglary.

[Erin Faulk](#) (Editor)

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If you know of an area that needs cleaned or an area with tires or electronics, please call us at 412-343-2859 or email mnp.grabowski@verizon.net. We will try to pick up as much as we can. It will depend on the number of hands. If we have enough volunteers, we may be able to sweep up some of those nasty cigarette butts!

-Pamela Grabowski

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