

## SCOOPS ON THE BOULEVARD



Blue moon or mint chocolate chip?

Guess which ice cream flavor is a best-seller in Mt. Lebanon and which is a Brookline favorite.

**Mike Collins** can tell you. Since 2010, Mike, owner of Scoops on Beverly in Mt. Lebanon, has owned and operated its Brookline counterpart, **Scoops on the Boulevard**.

Hard as it might be to imagine Brookline without an ice cream parlor, that almost happened close to four years ago, when the previous Boulevard shop owner decided to leave the business and approached Mike about buying some equipment. Mike took him one better and bought the store.

“That was the luckiest day,” says Mike. “It changed my life. The customers have been so nice. I think people outside Brookline don’t realize what Brookline really is. When I first opened here, people were coming in, shaking my hand, saying ‘thanks for being here.’ I’d say, ‘no, thank you for coming in.’”

Mike’s dedication to customer service shows in his decision to stay open 7-days a week year-round. “I want people to know that if they come in the wintertime, I’m going to be here. Even if I lose money that day, I don’t want people to make a trip and have me not return the commitment.”

**Scoops on the Boulevard** offers 48 different flavors. About 38, ranging from birthday cake to mint moosetracks, are mainstays. The rest are “special flavors” that come by for a while according to season and customers’ tastes. Right now, pumpkin and apple pie are in; in December, you can indulge in peppermint and eggnog.

Then there are those flavors, such as banana crème pie and red velvet, that are supposed to have short runs but make so many friends they stay on the list for awhile. “I let the customers decide,” says Mike.

Although the two **Scoops** are only ten minutes apart, Mike learned early that tastes can differ according to neighborhood. While customers in Mt. Lebanon can’t get enough mint chocolate chip, Brookliners love their blue moon. Other Brookline favorites include amaretto cherry, Superman, and white house cherry. And always banana splits.



In addition to owning two parlors, Mike has a full-time job as a cake decorator. This coming year, he hopes to increase the number of ice-cream cakes he sells. The wonderful thing about **Scoops’** cakes is that, instead of being limited to a small number of choices as at many chain ice cream stores, Mike and his co-decorator, **Nancy Denes**, can create a masterpiece using any flavors on the menu. If you want a

pistachio/cotton-candy cake with chocolate batter and whipped-cream icing, you got it.

Other items on the Brookline menu include ice cream drinks and slush puppies.

Mike describes himself as a regular guy who loves the local vibe. Although he’s had offers to open shops in other places, including busy malls, he prefers the neighborhood atmosphere. He sees himself as a throwback to an earlier day, when local shops were safe and secure quaint neighborhood hangouts for all members of the community.

He’s bullish on Brookline’s future and encourages shop owners in other neighborhoods to set down roots here as well. “I want to be here. I like it here. I’m always telling people: ‘Go to Brookline, you’ll be so happy.’”

*-Dan Kaczmariski*





## Letter from the Editor

The holiday season is upon us, and the Boulevard is our "PRESENT" this year. Of course, there are still some projects to complete. The street paving will wait until the spring; however, the weather held so planting could be completed this year.

Now we are excited for spring 2014. The street will be paved and a two-day grand re-opening is being planned. We see ourselves sitting on a bench enjoying a beautiful spring day with a cup of **Cannon Coffee**, a book from **Carnegie Library** and a slice from **Antonio's**.

The reopening is going to require many hands. If you would like to participate, we encourage you to attend an **SPDC** meeting or contact us to find out how you can participate. Since tentative plans call for a two day event on Friday evening May 30 and the day on Saturday May 31, there will be plenty of work to do and a variety of tasks. We are certain there will be a committee that could use your skills.

In the meantime, the reconstructed Boulevard is just like the time you repainted the living room and bought the new carpet and curtains. Every time someone went near the room with dirty clothes or muddy shoes you issued threats. In fact, you may have required everyone to remove their shoes before entering the room.

Many of us feel the same way about the Boulevard. We don't want to see cigarette butts, soda cans, beer bottles, fast food containers and deposit slips littering the sidewalks and scattered throughout the planted areas. We are trying to get more trash cans on the Boulevard. Until then, walk your trash to a trash can. We can all use the exercise. After all, we are talking about a distance measured in feet, not miles!

Back in February, we took the Steelers' chant and changed it to "here we go Brookline, here we go." At that time we were thinking about just getting through the reconstruction. Now we believe Brookline is on the cusp of something bigger. Brookline has the opportunity to be the new community everyone's talking about. There was Shadyside, Bloomfield, Lawrenceville, and now it is our turn. We have a new main street. We have new, younger property owners. There is a distinctly different vibe in the air. At community meetings it's no longer "wouldn't it be nice if we could." Now you hear "how can we make this happen?" It's been a long time coming, and "here we go Brookline, here we go."

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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

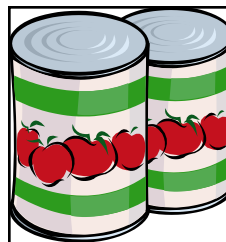


- **Pioneer and Brookline Boulevard:** This section of the Boulevard expanded the second week of October. When I say expanded, it means moved to the other sections as in **MJ Automotive**. From Glenarm to Flatbush this also is the next area that started the second week of October.
- **Landscaping:** You will see some landscaping this fall. A few trees will go up and you may see ground cover called winter creekers. The landscaping will be completed in spring 2014.
- The **Memorial Park (Cannon Park)** is a warm welcome to Brookline Boulevard. The new benches are in...oops... no they left two old benches. Yes, they will need to be repainted. I have learned that when it comes to parks it is easier to add to a park than take away. No, the contractors were not permitted to remove the two older benches.
- **Pets:** The Dogi-Pot brackets have been ordered; when they arrive, the pots will be reinstalled. Be responsible! Please clean up after your pets!
- **A pay station tidbit:** Did you know that if you park at one end of the Boulevard and walk down to your favorite place at the other end, then realize that your time is going to run out, do not fear; you can pay at any pay station on the Boulevard? Yes, you do need to re-enter your plate number. I'm told that this includes the residential side as well. Also, if one of the pay stations is not working, use another pay station. A broken pay station cannot void your ticket.

-Lois McCafferty



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
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**CVS accepts food  
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## SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

There are currently potential scams that have begun to spread throughout the Commonwealth that I want to make you aware of.

As millions of consumers begin seeking health care coverage in the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), the Office of the Pennsylvania Attorney General wants to remind all Pennsylvanians to protect their personal information. Consumers have until December 15<sup>th</sup> to enroll for coverage beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> and during this open enrollment period, it is important to be aware of potential financial, medical, or insurance identity theft scams.

The Attorney General's Office has provided the following tips to help consumers avoid handing over sensitive, personal information to potential scammers:

- Be wary of illusory government and company names claiming to help with enrollment, especially if they list a toll-free number other than that of the official help center. Enrollment is simply an option available to consumers, who will not be contacted by state or federal government in person or by phone, email or text.
- Guard your personal information. If you receive a call or email asking to verify personal information for any government health insurance plan or for a Medicare card, hang up the phone or ignore the email. You will not be contacted and Medicare is not part of the Marketplace.
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If anyone believes they have been victimized by a rollout-related scam, please file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General by calling the Health Care Section's toll-free hotline at 1-877-888-4877 or by visiting [www.attorneygeneral.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov). The toll-free number for the Marketplace is 1-800-318-2596 and the website is [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov). It is also important to note that websites with the same name but that end with .com, .org and .net among others are not the legitimate site created by the federal government for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) is also warning consumers about predatory website offering financial services that claim to be the PHFA loans or that give the impression that PHFA endorses their product. The PHFA is advising consumers that the best way to be sure they are getting a PHFA home loan is to receive confirmation from a PHFA customer service representative on the Agency's Homeownership Hotline at 1-800-822-1174. Staff is available weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. to answer consumer questions. Spending a few minutes on the phone verifying a PHFA loan can protect people from deceitful scam artists.

Another valuable resource for consumers is the network of housing counselors conveniently located across the Commonwealth. Many of these counseling services are available at no charge. Before signing a home loan contract, a consumer can contact a housing counseling agency for assistance confirming whether a loan actually is a PHFA loan. You may visit [www.phfa.org](http://www.phfa.org) to locate PHFA counselors in Allegheny County and to find a listing of approved PHFA lenders.



## ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 5



### NOVEMBER BOOK DISCUSSIONS AT CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF BROOKLINE

Wednesday, November 13 at 1:00PM *Still Life* by Louise Penny

Monday, November 18 at 6:00PM *Columbine* by Dave Cullen



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## 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](http://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 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.**



## RUMOR BUSTING

**Rumor:** The Boulevard improvement project is over budget; that's why they have to finish the project in spring 2014.

**False:** No, the project is not over budget. The extension for a spring 2014 finish is because of the problems that occurred with vaults. There were vaults that were not introduced to the project until right before the digging was to begin.

*-Lois McCafferty*

## Call for Volunteers

- **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.
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- **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](http://www.angelsplaceph.org)
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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.**

# Special Olympics Pennsylvania Polar Plunge



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope all is well and that you had a wonderful summer. As we enjoy the fall weather and get ready for the winter months it's time to start thinking about the 4th Annual Special Olympics Pennsylvania Polar Plunge at Heinz Field. As you know, this is something that is very near and dear to my heart. I've agreed once again to be a Super Plunger to help raise awareness and funds for the wonderful athletes who inspire me to give my all. Special Olympics is life changing for everyone involved and it's truly helped me become a better person. If you can find it in your hearts to support me in my endeavor I would greatly appreciate it. Every little bit helps to ensure the athletes never have to pay anything to attend

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Best regards and stay safe,

Scott

[Commander Scott Schubert]



At right: Have you stopped by Kelly's Collections Boutique yet? Kelly carries a wide variety of merchandise. The rack of fancy dresses continues to grow. Check it out for a fancy holiday party dress. This is a good place to start your holiday shopping. There really is something for everyone here including the sports fan.



## THIS MONTH'S FINANCIAL TOPIC

Do you know that your child's college education can be affordable? There are many options in addition to a 529 plan that can be combined to pay for your child's education other than taking out loans and burdening him or her with future debt. It's never too late to start saving for an education. Financial knowledge in this area coupled with understanding your children's education goals may open up many doors for them.


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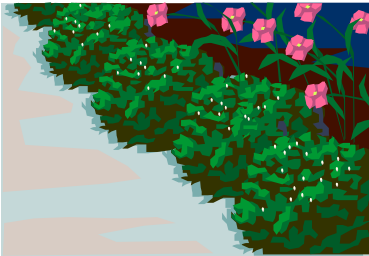
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## CALLING BROOKLINE GARDENERS



Have you noticed that they are planting trees and shrubs on the Boulevard? We heard from **Eileen Papale** recently about the landscaping.

“I'm a tree tender along with my cousin, and I think **Keith [Knecht]** also. We are supposed to do cleaning, mulching, etc. Some of those areas are huge and regular maintenance, such as weeding, would help. A newsletter article might bring out the gardeners!”

Since the plants are under warranty, the contractors will care for them during the first year, but we could use more people cleaning the litter during this time. Then when the warranty runs out, we will need some local gardeners to keep the weeds down and the

plants looking good.

If you would like to help with this project, contact us at 412-343-2859 or email us at [mnp.grabowski@verizon.net](mailto:mnp.grabowski@verizon.net) with Brookline Gardeners in the subject line. We will collect your contact information.

Planning for the grand opening has begun. If you are interested in being a part of that project you can contact us. It's going to take many hands working together to maintain what we waited 14 years to finally see completed.

*-Pamela Grabowski*



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

The students have been working diligently with some new initiatives at **West Liberty**. One of our new initiatives is PUP (Practice Until Perfect) led by our Math Instructional Teacher Leader, **Mrs. Denise Deltondo**. All children from grades first through fifth are practicing their math skills on a program called First in Math. The children are excited about this new program and will receive prizes for their efforts. Currently, **West Liberty** has been one of the top performing schools in this project compared to the other **Pittsburgh Public Schools** that are competing with us. Our weekly reports indicate a second place ranking in the First in Math program (we're striving for first place).

Another new initiative at **West Liberty** is Eagles Soar Past 24, which is a reading program. Our Reading Instructional Teacher Leader, **Mrs. Kathy Calla**, has been leading the way by encouraging the children to read. She is suggesting that children read at home for 20 minutes a day outside of their regular homework assignments. The children will receive incentives along the way to help them reach their goal of beyond 24. When the children read 24 books, they will receive a t-shirt. This t-shirt is being designed by the children. Various designs will be submitted by the children and a vote will be taken to see which t-shirt will be printed for the reward. The children are excited about reading; their reward is not just the prizes but also the knowledge they are gaining.

Along with new initiatives, we also have some information to share from our new PTO President, **Mrs. Jody Andrews**. A favorite activity is the Scholastic Bookfair which occurred during our open house. On October 25, the fourth and fifth grade students enjoyed a harvest dance, and we all had fun with a Pajama Day on October 11. **West Liberty** sponsored a McTeacher night at the McDonalds on West Liberty Avenue where many teachers came to meet the children's families. It was a great way to socialize and earn money for our school. Another fun event was our annual Halloween parade where the children dressed up in their costumes and marched around the school. We would like to thank the parents for a great attendance. The children loved marching around the school in their costumes with their friends. Lastly, we had a pumpkin patch in which all children received a pumpkin to take home, enjoyed a snack and created a craft for the fall activities. The pumpkin patch was a behavior reward incentive that the children had to earn by having 17 blue/green day behaviors. Last month's reward was playtime at Moore Park. The children had a great time playing with their friends.

Another activity, which is one of our old favorites, is the ballroom dance competition. The children have started practicing for their ballroom competition, which involves dedication and hard work. To prepare for the competition, they have a dance instructor who comes to our school and helps the children develop their dancing skills. The children are very excited to be participating in this competition again. Please look for more information on this activity as it develops.

That's about all for now; check our article next month where we'll be featuring our students who are on the honor roll and high honor roll for the first report card period. **Pittsburgh West Liberty** is the place "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."

-Deonne Arrington, Principal

-Teresa Grusong-Adams, First grade teacher

## BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION CONTEST

### WIN \$20 IN BROOKLINE CONSTRUCTION BUCKS

This will be our last contest in 2013. December will feature a holiday contest. The reconstruction contest will be back in 2014. 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 November 20. We will announce the November winner in the December newsletter.

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THIS MONTH

### November 11 Monday

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

### November 12 Tuesday

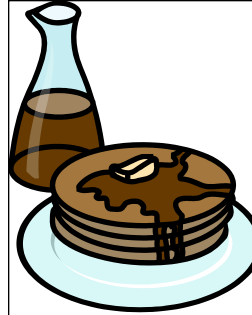
**Brookline Block Watch** 7:00PM at Magistrate Jim Motznik's office 736 Brookline Blvd.

### November 18 Monday


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

### November 30 Saturday

**Brookline Celebrating the Season** 6:30PM Kicks-off with the Live Nativity at Cannon Park with a petting zoo. Then gather at Cannon Coffee for a social. Watch Facebook for more details and definite times.



The Parents of Cub Scout Pack 601 will be holding a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, November 17 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in Fr. Quinn Hall at Resurrection Church. Prices are \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids ages 3-10 and free for kids under 3 years old. Price includes pancakes, sausage, coffee and cold drink for the kids. All proceeds directly benefit the Cub Scouts!



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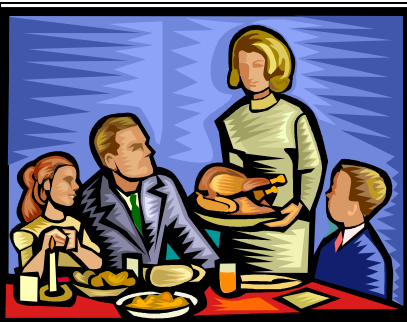
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Saturday, November 16 at 2:00 pm Church of the Advent is sponsoring an afternoon tea with Dr. Frank Verri. Dr. Verri is a chiropractor in the Greentree area. He will be talking about healthy living during the holidays, ways to exercise and eat well. All are invited. Admission is free. There will be refreshments.



### Wine Tasting Dinner

Saturday, November 9, 2013, at 5:30 pm in Cullen Hall at St. Pius X Church. Tickets only \$25.00. Must be at least 21 years old. Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory or by calling Theresa Rocco at 412-343-1849 or Anita Hillebrecht at 412-341-6338.



**Free Christmas Day Dinner** at Church of the Advent, 3010 Pioneer Ave. This annual event is sponsored by the churches in Brookline and held at Church of the Advent. If you are a shut in or aren't able to make

it to the church, please call (412) 561-4520. We can deliver your meal to you.

The Heritage Players are pleased to announce their mainstage productions for the 2014 season:

- *Hay Fever*
- *The Crucible*
- *Little Women* (musical)

Dates to be determined. For upcoming details please visit [www.heritageplayers.org](http://www.heritageplayers.org)

The Heritage Players will present "A Tuna Christmas" on December 15 at 2:00 PM at the Seton Center, 1900 Pioneer Avenue, Brookline. The box office opens one half hour before curtain. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door. Please visit [www.heritageplayers.org](http://www.heritageplayers.org) or call 412-254-4633 for more information.



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## SUNDAY TRASH WALK/TRASH TALK

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9/8 11 supermarket size bags of trash from the Boulevard from Pioneer to Queensboro and 3 cents

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## ADOPT-A-BLOCK

Remember safety first!

- Make sure you wear gloves.
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- 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*

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

Norwich Ave. - *Michael & Pamela Grabowski*

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

9/9 *Mary Anne*: 900 block of Woodbourne and Harex Way - 1/4 bag of trash and 2 plastic bottles.

9/23 *Mary Anne*: Picked up 1/2 kitchen bag of trash and 1 blue bag of cans and bottles.

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*

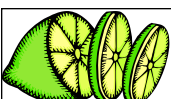
Eben St. - *Kutschbach Family, Smooches to Pooches*



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## COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

Twice a year--once in the spring and once in the fall--the City picks up yard debris from residences. And the fall date is coming up: it's Saturday, November 9! Leaves, grass, plants, tree trimmings, branches, and shrubs will be accepted. Just put these things in paper bags to be picked up. Not accepted are stones, dirt, manure, lumber, garbage, or food waste.

If you're looking to drop yard debris off year-round, or tires or appliances with Freon, you will have to go to one of the City's drop-off locations. The drop off location for Pittsburgh's southern neighborhoods is at the 5th Division Public Works building next to Herschel Field in the West End at 1330

Hassler Street. It's open from 8:00am until 2:00pm Monday through Friday, and you can call them at 412-937-3054.

Throughout the year, refuse is picked up curbside once a week, while recycling is picked up once every other week. If you have misplaced your schedule, just call Environmental Services at 412-255-2773. Residents are allowed to leave two bulk items, such as furniture or non-Freon appliances, at the curb every week.

The City collects a wide variety of items for curbside recycling, but it's good to know what they are before you put them in the blue bags. We have a single-stream recycling system, which means that it isn't necessary for you to pre-sort your recycling. The City accepts glass jars and bottles, aluminum cans, most types of paper and paperboard, cardboard (if it has been bundled), and plastic numbered 1 through 5 (the number is typically on the bottom of the package within a recycling symbol). In future years, we look forward to being able to process all plastics.

For every ton the City recycles, it saves taxpayers \$23 in landfill fees and generates \$45 in revenue. In 2011 alone, the City saved more than a quarter of a million dollars by recycling! In Pittsburgh's southern neighborhoods, we have some of the highest rates of recycling in the City. In most of our neighborhoods, more than 65% of households take advantage of the free curbside recycling offered by the City! We hope that participation increases every year.

Some electronics have chemicals that need to be properly recycled. For example, batteries, cell phones, and ink cartridges can be recycled at the City-County building, among other locations. For hazardous chemicals, the county hosts regular collections, including an all day event at the South Park Wave Pool on September 15. Call 412-488-7452 for more details. If you have any questions about what to do with hard to recycle items, call the Pennsylvania Resource Council at 412-488-7490 x243.

And don't forget that TVs are not supposed to be set out for curbside pick-up. Brookline's closest drop-off location would be the Goodwill locations in either Brentwood or Banksville--call 412.481.9005 for more information.

If you have any questions about recycling and refuse pick-up, please don't hesitate to call my office at (412) 255-2131 or visit the City's recycling website at [green.pittsburghpa.gov](http://green.pittsburghpa.gov).



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**Matthew May**, left and **John Vater**, right

Photo by *Patty Gardner*

## Brookline PreK-8

There are many wonderful things happening at **Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8!** Our students are working on becoming more fluent readers by reading for 20 minutes every night. They are also using the First in Math online program to practice math skills. First in Math uses games for practice and can be done from any computer with internet access. All students have a login and password. In addition to language arts and math, science, social studies, physical education, art, and music are all a part of preparing our students for the Pittsburgh Promise!

We are excited to introduce our new administrative staff – they may be new to our school, but not to our neighborhood. Our new principal is **John Vater**. Mr. Vater has lived in Brookline for many years with his wife, Becky, and two children, John and Marie. John was the salutatorian of the Pittsburgh Brashear Class of 2012, and Marie is a sophomore at

CAPA. Mr. Vater started his career with the Pittsburgh Public Schools in 1993 as a biology teacher at Schenley High School. He moved on to become an assistant principal at Brashear High School, was principal of Peabody High School, and was most recently principal of Brashear. We are so fortunate to have him at Brookline! His firm commitment to the children, families, staff, and community is already evident in just the short time he has been with us. Mr. Vater has a B.S. Ed. from California University of PA and a M.P.M. in educational leadership from Carnegie Mellon University.

Our new assistant principal is **Matthew May**. Mr. May grew up in Brookline and has lived here his whole life, attending Carmalt Elementary, Frick Middle School, and finally Brashear High School. Mr. May and his wife have two daughters and a son, and all three attend Pittsburgh Public Schools. Mr. May has worked for the city schools for 18 years, most recently at South Brook Middle School as a teacher and then assistant principal. He is very excited to be at Brookline, and we are thrilled that he is here. He has been instrumental in making the transition from last year to this year a very smooth one! Mr. May attended Community College of Allegheny County, Indiana University of PA, and the University of Pittsburgh. If you don't see him at our school, you may find him camping and enjoying the outdoors with his family and friends.

We would also like to welcome our other new staff members: **Sara Sikora-Lewis**, kindergarten; **Pam Marmarelli**, first grade; **Donna Willis**, paraprofessional; and **Michéne AlChouFete**, paraprofessional. We're happy to say "welcome back" to **Colleen Schmidt**, who was at Brookline previously and has come back to teach kindergarten. It's great to have you all with us, helping our students to become Promise-Ready!

The addition of an afterschool program was another exciting happening for us this fall. The school district was able to add afterschool care programs at five locations throughout the city, and we were lucky to be one of the sites chosen. Students who sign up for the program are provided with educational and fun activities until 6:30 p.m., five days per week. There is a fee; read more about the afterschool program at <http://www.pps.k12.pa.us/Page/3333>.

In October, we were already very busy. Did you see a group of children and teachers walking down the Boulevard in October? Then you may have spotted our Pre-K class visiting the fire station for Fire Prevention Week! Thank you to all of the brave firefighters, paramedics, and police officers who help to keep us safe, and especially to Engine 26. The tour was great!

We had conference day for elementary students and Open House for our middle school. Our Pre-K teachers did home visits to their students. During conferences, our PTA sponsored a Scholastic Book Fair to raise money for Fun Day. Sixth grade students completed a project called "Three Ways to Know Me." Their fabulous work was on display for Open House.

You may have noticed that our parent/teacher group has changed from a PTO to a PTA. This was done in order to take advantage of the support a national organization brings. In October, volunteers led by the PTA did science projects with our kindergarten and first grade students. PTA volunteers also did leaf prints with the Pre-K class. Our wonderful group has many activities planned for the year, so be on the lookout for more good news.

Our PTA is going to be meeting in conjunction with our Parent/School/Community Council this year, to maximize everyone's participation and input. Please come to support our dedicated, caring staff and our wonderful students! The next meeting will be **at Cannon Coffee on November 12 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!**

We would also like to thank the community for being courteous and careful drivers in the mornings before school and the afternoon. Our dismissal is at 2:51 p.m. and this is a busy time of day on Woodbourne, Pioneer, and the Boulevard. We constantly remind our students to be extra careful due to the construction in our neighborhood. The ever-changing traffic patterns are challenging for us all! But by working together and being patient, we can keep everyone safe.

*-Amy Cornelius*

# FOR SALE



**Brookline Chamber of Commerce** is selling the old lanterns that lined the Boulevard. The price is \$30 each or two for \$50. That includes the light, bracket and wiring. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested, contact Linda Boss at 412-561-0811.

# THANK YOU PNC BANK

At right: **PNC Bank** put in a trash can with liner to collect the ATM receipts. Now that's what we call a good neighbor. The area around the ATMs is clean.



At left: Meanwhile, nearby, although we have made repeated calls to 311, we have been unable to get **Citi-zen's Bank** to empty their trash on a regular basis.

# Hanukkah



**STARTS  
NOVEMBER 27**



Come Shop to Benefit the **BROOKLINE DANCE STUDIO COMPETITION TEAM** on November 16 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Brookline Presbyterian Church, corner of Queensboro and Chelton Avenue. Shop from: Scentsy, Origami Owl, Artistry, XS Energy, Nutrilite, LOC, Ribbon Gifts, Premier, Avon, Thirty-One, Tees By Design, Tastefully Simple and Pampered Chef. There will also be a Chinese Auction, 50/50 and a bake sale. Contact Jen at [jpsmithsolutions@gmail.com](mailto:jpsmithsolutions@gmail.com) for more info.



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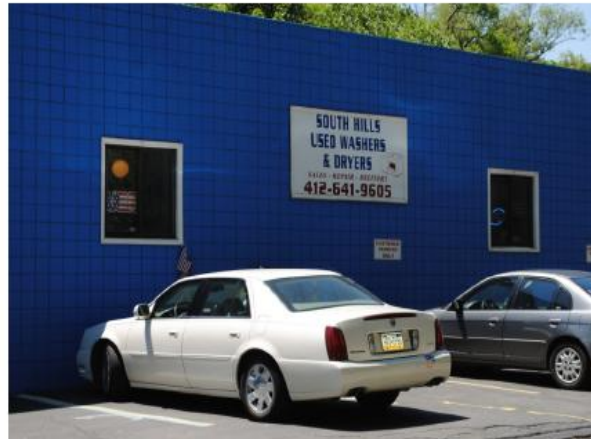


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## I need your help!

As a Super Plunger and PBP Plunger, I've agreed to raise a minimum of \$3,500 for Special Olympics and jump into the cold water every hour for 25 hours straight. Giving up 25 hours of my life and jumping into the cold water 25 times is well worth it when I think of the commitment, determination and joy the amazing athletes feel when they participate in various Special Olympic events. I'm confident their smiles will help keep my heart warm on that cold December day.

Last year, thanks to my friends and colleagues, I was able to raise \$25,000 for the athletes. **My goal this year is to raise \$30,000** for this wonderful cause. Any assistance or support you can provide is greatly appreciated. Please go to [Pittsburghplunge.org](http://Pittsburghplunge.org) and click the Super Plunge tab and then my name. Another option is to simply type 2013 Pittsburgh Plunge and it will take you to the Kintera fundraising site. Once the Pittsburgh Plunge page appears, simply click the sponsor participant tab on the on the left side of the screen and then type my name in the blocks.

I can also be contacted at [scott.schubert@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:scott.schubert@pittsburghpa.gov)

## Thank you!



**Stop by and cheer me on!**  
 Date: December 13, 2013  
 Location: Hard Rock Cafe  
 Time: First plunge at noon  
**Then visit us at the Pittsburgh Polar Plunge!**  
 Date: December 14, 2013  
 Location: Heinz Field  
 Time: Last plunge at 1 pm

