

NECESSITIES I

“High quality household items at Brookline pricing.”

That’s the motto of **Necessities 1**, a new resale store on the Boulevard, owned by partners **Tom Snair** and Anna of **Anna’s Nails**.

The owners developed the idea for the store as they were cleaning out the former Smith Real Estate location. Several pieces of office furniture had been left behind, so Tom and Anna put them up for sale just to clear the building. From that, they discovered a need for used furniture in the neighborhood.

Tom started adding items, drawing from a large personal collection, auctions, and some donations. He good naturedly calls himself a “hoarder” but it’s obvious he chooses his items carefully. “I’ve often wanted to open a store,” he says. “For 35 years I’ve been planning--saying ‘maybe someday’—storing all kinds of stuff.”

One recent weekday the shop had in stock (and this is not a complete list): Wooden china closets with glass doors, a hutch, sofas, dressers, dining tables, chairs, wooden desks, side tables, vases, fancy decorated sugar bowls and creamers, glasses, lamps, serving trays, candle holders, glass and porcelain decorative figures, china sets, framed paintings (some signed by the artists), silver-plate sets, comic books, a flute in its case, bobble heads and a blackjack table.



Although Tom has years of experience with furniture and is a knowledgeable collector, he hasn’t extensively researched the resale value of every item in the shop. Consequently, he says, it’s possible for customers to “make a find” among the merchandise. Some have already resold items from the store at a profit.

Tom and Anna hope the store does well but emphasize they aren’t conducting the venture to get rich. They say their items could fetch more in other neighborhoods but both see the business as an enjoyable way to give back to the area. “If we continue to do well, we’d like to put more into the community,” says Tom, who has lived here for almost 50 years. “I’m a Brookline boy and I just like to bring it back to the neighborhood.

“We get merchandise from areas like Sewickley and Peters Township and look for a higher-end value for our customers. If we can give them a price they’re pleased with and we can make some money, we’re more than happy to do it. We’re one of the lowest priced retail stores in the whole area.”

Tom has two buildings north of Pittsburgh filled with inventory for replenishing the store. The merchandise here will be refreshed each week and Wednesdays are a good time to scout out new items. The shop will deliver for a nominal fee, currently \$10 locally.

Tom says the response to the store has been overwhelmingly positive. “Everybody enjoys it. We’re getting a lot of people from outside the neighborhood and antique stores are buying from us weekly.” The **Necessities 1** Facebook page has had over 600 hits since the store opened in November.



One word of advice. If you browse the store and see something you like, don’t wait too long to make a decision. Some would-be customers have returned to buy something they had their eye on, only to find someone else had beaten them to it.

-Dan Kaczmarek
-Photos by **Amy Fisher**

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Hours: Monday to Saturday 10:00AM to 6:00PM
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Letter from the Editor

Welcome to Brookline. The community with the Boulevard of trash. Folks, we need to talk. The Sunday Trash Walkers did not go out in the month of December. Every Sunday had a holiday event or bad weather. Our first Trash Walk in the new year was January 12. We collected 17 plastic grocery bags of trash on the business side of the Boulevard from

Queensboro to Carnegie Library at which point we ran out of bags. It took us a little over an hour to cover that distance.

We know the Boulevard needs more trash cans. We talked to **Lois McCafferty** who assured us that new cans have been ordered. Lois said we can order more trash cans if needed. We have been working with **Eileen Papale** through the City of Pittsburgh to get the trash cans emptied. January was a problem because crews were busy salting and plowing.

In the meantime, we need to stop the littering. We are not going to attract new business to a trash-filled Boulevard. If the weather holds, Sunday Trash Walkers will continue to go out. Frankly, when the temperature drops below freezing it becomes difficult to collect trash with numb fingers.

Isis closed. We are sorry to see them go since we found we liked Egyptian food. **Isis** was a nice addition to the other ethnic restaurants on the Boulevard. **Kelly's Kollection Boutique** has expanded. Consider stopping in for Valentine's Day shopping. Lent will be coming so get your fill of paczki at **Party Cake** while you can.

We understand that it's hard to think about spring when the world outside is cold and white. However, we want you to contemplate spring and how you can help Brookline. Whether it's helping to collect litter or helping to maintain the trees and shrubs. We could use more volunteers.

Brookline Unveiled, the two-day event scheduled for June 27 and 28 to show-off Brookline will need many volunteers to be a success. Before that we have **Taste of Brookline**. People are already calling about tickets for **Taste of Brookline**, which sells out every year. Then it will be **BreezeFest** in August.

We need all hands on deck. We figure you live in Brookline because you like the community. Well, come on out and show us how much you like Brookline. Participate!

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DEADLINES:
 February 12 for March's Issue
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Donations through December 2013:

- Cannon Coffee - \$192.52
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- Brookline Area Community Council - \$400.00 
- Party Cake Shop - \$72.89

COMMUNITY CRIMES ZONE 6

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DECEMBER

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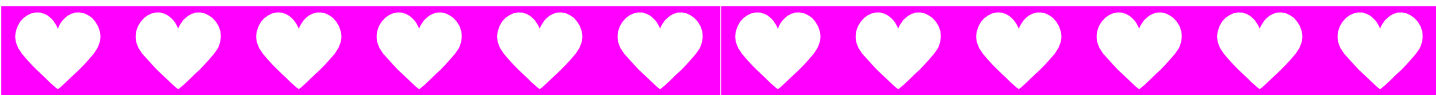
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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



- **The Memorial Park:** The two outer green benches will be replaced. The forestry department will be helping us in the spring to work on the inter park landscaping.
- **Drainage:** The contractors have removed the silt bags for the winter so drainage will flow properly.
- **Construction will restart in the spring.** When the construction is finished in late spring, look for **Brookline Unveiled**. This is the grand opening event for Brookline Boulevard scheduled for June 28 and 29.
- **Light Poles and Mast Arms:** These are not for the use of signs. Other means for personal signs are business windows and there are a few businesses that have bulletin boards that may also be used with permission.
- **Pets:** The Dogipots are up and filled with bags. The Dogipots are put there for a reason. Please help to keep our business strip clean from dog waste. Walkers appreciate people who are responsible and clean up after their pets.

-Lois McCafferty



SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

Privatization Bid Canceled for PA Lottery

After being plagued with problematic negotiations and legal obstacles, Governor Corbett announced that he would not be extending a bid by United Kingdom-based Camelot Global Services to run Pennsylvania's lottery system. As you may recall, the single-bidder contract received eight extensions during the past year.

Throughout 2013, the state spent nearly \$4.6 million on lawyers and consultants related to the proposed private management deal and I'm happy to see that Pennsylvania can now move on and continue to look for ways to maximize revenues for senior programs instead of outsourcing jobs to a foreign firm, especially for a system that has already proven to be efficient. In fact, our Lottery system has established itself as a model for others throughout the nation.

The Pennsylvania Lottery began in 1972 and has become the most successful lottery operation in the country. More recently, the Lottery posts profits of about \$1 billion a year and in fact generated nearly \$3.7 billion in the last fiscal year. Over the past four decades, the Commonwealth's Lottery has funneled \$23.7 billion into programs for senior citizens and the elderly like the property tax and rent rebate program, transit services, senior centers and prescription drug programs. I am proud of the operations of the state's Lottery and will continue to support initiatives of this major Commonwealth asset.

Delay in Reporting Requirements for Small Games of Chance

The Department of Revenue, who is partially responsible for administering the small games of chance regulations, recently announced that they are delaying the reporting requirements for all organizations in 2014. Under the old law, both eligible organizations and clubs had to file a report by February 1, 2014. February 1, 2015, will now be the new reporting date for clubs with proceeds of \$20,000 or more. Access to the online reporting system will be available from the department's website in late 2014.

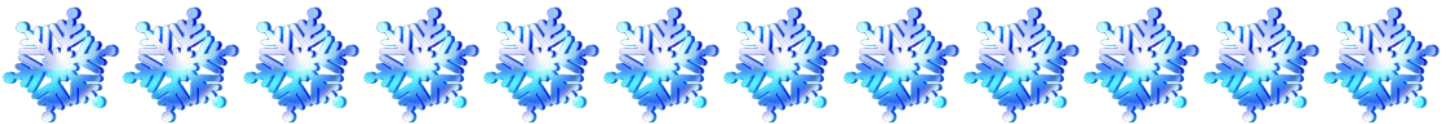
Staying Connected


With the 2014 legislative session underway, many important issues will be debated and discussed in the General Assembly and I want to remind constituents of the ways you can stay connected.

In addition to my weekly News & Views, you can visit www.senatorfontana.com to watch Senate session live, research legislation, download applications and forms and view news releases. The website also provides a listing of toll-free numbers to a variety of departments and agencies and contains my contact information and locations of my district offices.

Constituents are always able to discuss legislative issues and express opinions and suggestions on matters before the General Assembly by contacting my Brookline office at 412-344-2551 or by emailing me directly at Fontana@pasenate.com. Anyone who is not currently receiving the weekly News & Views can sign up on my website by submitting their email address. I also can be followed on Twitter at www.twitter.com/WayneDFontana.

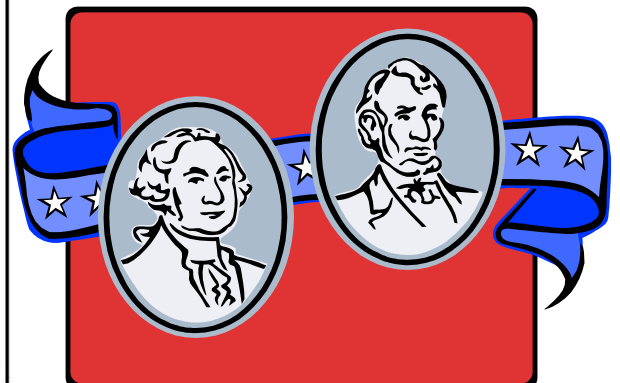
If you need assistance on any state matter, please visit the office, located at 932 Brookline Boulevard, to receive full-service on a variety of items including: notary services; PennDOT issues; unclaimed property forms; tax forms; senior bus passes; and much more. Most importantly, I want all constituents to know that I and my staff are always available to assist you. Since my election in 2005 we have always ensured that any constituent who comes to us has their problem solved and if we can't solve the problem directly, we are able to at least provide direction to get a solution.





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Pittsburgh Boxing Club

Workouts on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00pm. 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!



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Mondays 1:15pm - come join the fun! Bring water and a towel. Be sure to wear your tennis shoes! Free!

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Join our music instructor **Jason Born** for electric and acoustic guitars lessons on Mondays 4:00pm - 5:00pm. Ages 10 and up are welcome. Cost is \$15 paid to the instructor.

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On Saturdays from 8:30AM - 9:30AM. Join our certified instructor **Caitlin Houk** and dance away the pounds. Classes begin on February 1, 2014. Cost: \$5 per session.

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

CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF BROOKLINE FEBRUARY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Wednesday, February 12 at 1:00PM *Time and Again* by Jack Finney

Monday, February 24 at 6:00PM *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty

Carnegie Library Book Buzz At Antonio's Pizzeria

Thursday, February 27 at 6:00PM *The Man Who Mistook His Wife For A Hat And Other Clinical Tales* by Oliver Sacks



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.
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- **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. Due to cut backs to the food stamp program, more people are depending on the food pantry. If you are able, please consider helping those who are less fortunate.**



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A LITTLE BIT OF WILDERNESS

HAPPY PRESIDENTS' DAY

We hear a lot about Edgebrook Avenue from residents of Brookline. It's a long stretch of road that connects Route 51 to Brookline Boulevard, and because it cuts through a thick forest on the edge of a ravine, it has the feeling of a back country road. When it comes to Public Works, we're often reminded that in some ways we're battling against nature. On Edgebrook Avenue, this means that natural springs can suddenly poke up from the asphalt. For years we've been in conversation with the Department of Public Works about Edgebrook, and it doesn't seem like there is any easy answer. We look forward to working with the new administration next year to focus on improving Edgebrook Avenue given its inherent challenges.



Edgebrook Avenue also comes up for a different reason... did you know that in 1981 it was described as the "Junk Yard Capital of the City" by the *Pittsburgh Press*? It's long been a spot for illegal trash dumping. Luckily, Allegheny Cleanways and neighborhood volunteers have been attacking the hillside, removing literally tons of tires, furniture, appliances, and various building materials. The DumpBusters crew, led by Joe Divack, tackles dump sites all over the County, and they started at the Edgebrook Avenue the first week of November. So far they've removed 788 tires (equaling about 31,000 pounds). There are about 500-600 tires left to remove, and because they're full of frozen water and mud right now, it's tough work. Come next spring, we'll let you know of their continued clean-up work, and we'll let you know how you can pitch in.



Part of South Pittsburgh's charm is how our hilltops, valley streams, and forest trails wind their way between our neighborhoods. Let's do our best to keep our natural assets clean!

-Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak's District 4 Newsletter, January 2014

HAPPY PRESIDENTS' DAY



COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

Every Monday, my staff and I sit around a little table in my office on the fifth floor of the City-County building to go over the past week and plan out the week ahead of us. These staff meetings are crucial--each of us is so busy on our own that it's vitally important to set aside time for all of us to connect and update each other on what we're doing. I have three staffers, and though you may have met a couple of them in person at community events, or you may have only spoken to one of them on the phone, I thought it would be interesting to share with you a little about what each of them does day to day.

Ashleigh Deemer is my Chief of Staff and has worked in my office the longest. As Chief of Staff, she assists me in our big picture accomplishments--economic development projects, public safety initiatives, and keeping in close contact with our communities. She is the point-person for large projects like the Brookline Boulevard reconstruction and Carrick's new Dairy District development and on capital projects like improvements at Moore Park. She also liaises with community groups in Brookline and Beechview.

Internally, Ashleigh works alongside me to tackle the legislative business of Council. She has been a close partner in ensuring that District 4 gets its fair share of allocated money in each year's capital budget. And on a high profile issue like red light cameras, Ashleigh's research and policy recommendations help me make the best decisions for District 4 when I cast my vote in Council Chambers.

As my Chief of Staff, Ashleigh is also in charge of Adam and Dan in my office, and she manages interns who work on policy research. If you're ever interested in a potential internship in my Council office, contact Ashleigh at ashleigh.deemer@pittsburghpa.gov.

Do you receive the District 4 Newsletter email? If so, you're reading the work of my office's Communications Manager **Adam Shuck**. The monthly newsletter is chock full of news from South Pittsburgh, updates from City Council, and all sorts of important and interesting tidbits. To sign up, or to read back issues, check out pittsburghpa.gov/district4/newsletters.

In addition to the newsletter, Adam drafts proclamations, monitors my Twitter and Facebook pages, coordinates interview requests from members of the local media, and updates the Council website. He also manages one of the most important tools we use--the calendar! Not only do we have a packed schedule in our office between Council sessions, community events, and all sorts of other meetings, but we also keep a public calendar that's meant just for you. Check out this public calendar at pittsburghpa.gov/district4/calendar to stay abreast of community meetings and regular Council happenings.

Dan Barrett is our Community Relations Manager, working with you to resolve problems and connecting you with City services. He attends community meetings in Carrick, Overbrook, and Bon Air, and he also works with groups in Mt. Washington. If you call my office at 412.255.2131, it's most likely that you'll be speaking with Dan. When we receive a complaint, a request, or a question, Dan starts a case file. After recording the details of the call, he enters it into 311, which creates an official record for the City and opens a ticket with the appropriate department.

Dan will also then directly contact a City employee, like a community police officer or a public works division supervisor, to make sure the request was received and that action will be taken. Dan's job means he is juggling numerous active requests, and they all rely on other City officials to be completed, so they can take some time. But do know that your call has been taken seriously by my staff and that we're all doing what we can to resolve the issue.

Now that our City government is in a big transition, we are working hard to keep everything in motion without missing a beat. I have been meeting with Mayor Peduto's executive team members to get them up to speed with the work that we've been doing and the work that remains to be done. Governing is a two-way street, and for too long it's felt like a top-down, one-way conversation. Mayor Peduto has promised a different approach, a new empowerment with different priorities, and my staff and I look forward to continuing--and enhancing--our work with you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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REPRESENTATIVE ERIN MOLCHANY

What a year 2013 was! I kept incredibly busy here in the district and in Harrisburg during my first year in office. This past year, I attended dozens of community events and met so many of you through hundreds of meetings in my office and around the district. I held two open houses and brought big debates from Harrisburg to our neighborhoods on transportation and health care.

Recently, my office was recognized by the White House and Kathleen Sebelius, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, for the work we're doing helping people get insured with affordable health care coverage. The open enrollment period lasts through March 31, so if you are interested in learning more, please reach out to my office.

In 2014, I won't be slowing down. There's so much more to come!

I know from working with you all every day that you love your community. Whether it's volunteering, shopping local, or just keeping your yard clean, you take pride in your neighborhoods. Councilwoman Rudiak and I want to help you to make our communities even better by investing in your home. So, one of the first big events of the year will be a first-of-its-kind Renovation Fair on March 1 at the **Church of Resurrection** in Brookline from 10:00am – 2:00pm. We hope that residents from across the South Hills come and learn about how they can build equity in their homes while making our neighborhoods better places to live. We'll be bringing together non-profits, banks, government agencies, and contractors so that you can find out what you need to improve your house, from the roof to the retaining wall, and everything in between! We'll also be hosting consultations from the Design Center so you can talk with an expert about your home improvement dreams.

If you have an interest in this or any of the other services I can provide through my office, please don't hesitate to call 412-343-2094 or visit us at 900 Brookline Boulevard. As always, it's a pleasure serving you.




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Chamber of Commerce Meeting 6:00PM at Carnegie Library
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February 11 Tuesday

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

February 17 Monday

South Pittsburgh Development Corp. 7:00PM at Brookline
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CVS accepts food donations for Brookline Christian Food Pantry. With the cut backs to food stamps there are more people in need of assistance.



OPEN MIC SERIES

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



The Heritage Players will present Noel Coward's comedy, "Hay Fever" at the **Seton Center**, 1900 Pioneer Avenue, Brookline on March 21, 22, 28, and 29 at 8:00 PM, and on March 23

and 30 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$12.00 at the door or online. For more information visit www.heritageplayers.org or phone 412-254-4633.

This is the first of three main stage shows for the 2014 season which also features Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" in June and "Little Women" the musical in October. Purchase a season ticket now for just \$25.00 and get a ticket to all three shows!

Support your local community theatre by becoming a member or a patron. For more details and benefits visit www.heritageplayers.org.

Coming up in the March issue: audition information for "The Crucible."



CLEAN YOUR SIDEWALK!

- It's not just the neighborly thing to do. It is the law to clear sidewalks within 24 hours or you face a \$300 citation.
- If you see sidewalks that are snow and ice covered, call 311.
- If you need help cleaning the snow, contact Lindsey Blocki at Open Your Heart to a Senior at 412-661-1670, ext. 619.

Build a Better Brookline Meeting

Thursday, February 13 at 7:00PM
St. Mark's Church located at the corner of Brookline Boulevard and Glenarm Avenue



In our January issue we said that **Maxine Kribel Kaminski** was retiring and planned to spend time with her granddaughter. Maxine called to tell us that it is her brother's granddaughter and her grand niece. We apologize to Maxine. -The Editor



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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.

The Sunday Trash Walkers did not go out in December due to holiday commitments and the weather.

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

12/1 Mary Anne: 900 Woodbourne & Harex Way (upper section) - Large kitchen bag of trash, 2 plastic 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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THE BROOKLINE CONNECTION



One of Brookline's movie theatres following 1950 Thanksgiving Day blizzard

One snowy morning this winter, I was at my computer studying a 1910 photo of Brookline Boulevard. The view was toward Chelton Avenue. No cannon was in sight because the First World War had not yet happened. In the background loomed an unfinished **Resurrection Church/School**.

Two mouse clicks later, I was watching the original howitzer from the **Brookline Veterans Memorial Park** being hauled away for scrap metal in the WWII effort.

A few clicks more and I was reliving the illustrious histories of **Brookline Little League**, football, soccer and running, viewing over a half century of photos, statistics, and year-by-year highlights. From there, I moved to a delightful WQED video called "Have You Been to Brookline?"

At that point, I had savored just a fraction of a marvelous community Website called **The Brookline Connection**.

The Website, developed and maintained by Brookline resident **Clint Burton** with assistance from **Doug** and **Michael Brendel**, is a gem. If

you've seen it, you know what I mean. If you haven't, you'll have to check it out at www.brooklineconnection.com.

Clint began the Website in 1998 at the request of the **Brookline Area Community Council's Marlene Curran**. From a modest start, the site keeps expanding and requires periodic increases in Web space. Clint credits much of the site's vitality to contributions of photos and other information from Brookliners and their families. "A lot of Brookline's history is up in attics," says Clint.

By sharing community information, he's carrying on a family tradition. His grandfather, **Dan McGibbeny**, former *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* executive sports editor, contributed regular Little League updates to the *Brookline Journal*.

The Website's home page offers portals to over 25 different journeys through Brookline's history. Besides the Boulevard retrospective and sports past and present, the page leads to photos and write-ups about Brookline personalities, histories of local schools and churches, trolleys in Brookline, a photo-history of the Liberty Tunnels and Bridge (did you know there used to be a roundabout at the Tubes' entrance?), and much more.

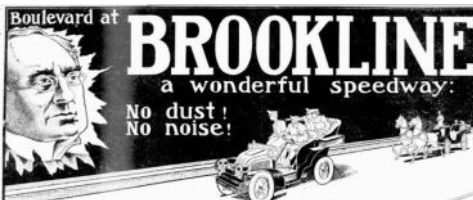
The number and quality of the photos is astounding. Clint estimates there are thousands of photos on the site. Woven among the pictorial histories are informative narratives walking you through our community's past and present.

The only warning I would give is that it's hard to tear yourself away.

For instance, I was working through the more than 100 Boulevard photos from 1915 to 2013. The 1929 4th of July parade showed **Joseph M. Moore** of **Moore Park** fame, so I took a side click to learn about the former principal. There, I was drawn to photos of students laboring in gardens that used to belong to Brookline School. That enticed me to "Brookline local schools and class photos," where I sampled images of close to a century of student groups from my alma mater, Resurrection School, including the first and last graduating classes (my, how fashions had changed). By then my wife was calling me for lunch.

If you're in a real hurry, you can take a lively 2-minute video jaunt through Brookline history set to the Statler Brothers "Do You Remember These?" And don't miss the effusive real estate ads from the early 1900s touting Brookline as a residential nirvana—"Money and nature have gone into partnership to accomplish the founding of the most perfect suburb that could be desired." (Freehold Real Estate ad).

The Brookline Connection also has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BrooklineConnection and encourages readers to share Brookline photos and comments.



The site is also a good starting point for current links to sports organizations in Brookline. And if you're ever searching for an old issue of **The Brookline** newsletter, all are stored on **The Brookline Connection** site.

-Dan Kaczmariski

Photos from *The Brookline Connection*



BROOKLINE'S PAST



Above: Boulevard taken near Flatbush looking toward Stebbins. (1912).

Right: Boulevard taken near Glenarm Avenue near **The Cannon** (1933).



Above: Students caring for **Brookline School** gardens.
At right top: Boulevard looking west from Chelton Avenue near **The Cannon** (1936).

At right bottom: Original cannon being hauled away for scrap metal (1942).

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