



TASTE OF BROOKLINE

It is **Taste of Brookline** season yet again in the city of Pittsburgh's boisterous Brookline community. This is our day to showcase all that Brookline has to offer in the way of

cuisine, entertainment, local businesses, and camaraderie and share this with the surrounding communities. There will be food and fun, drinks and delicacies, entertainment and extraordinary people. **Taste of Brookline 2014** will take place on April 27, 2014 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the **Church of the Resurrection** gymnasium.

Taste of Brookline 2014 is hosted by the **South Pittsburgh Development Corporation (SPDC)**, an all-volunteer community group. **SPDC** supports numerous programs in the Brookline neighborhood of Pittsburgh. With the help of our **SPDC** volunteers, it sponsors an annual anti-litter poster contest through the area schools with an awards banquet, the Dogipot program on Brookline Boulevard with free bags and receptacles to dispose of our furry friends' waste, maintaining the green space at the corner of Whited and Jacob streets, and more!

Taste of Brookline 2014 will feature local food vendors for samples of their signature dishes, along with samplings of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, both of which are included in the ticket price. Participating restaurants at time of print include: **Antonio's Pizzeria, Cannon Coffee, Burgh's Bees, Le Cupcake Shoppe, Scoops, Angelina's Pizzeria, Brookline Pub, Piatto, Mateo's, Fabled Table, Pitaland, and The Smokehouse Bar & Grill.** Entertainment will be provided by Brookline's own **Jack Stanizzo** of the Contrails (who had the 1967 hit, "Someone") featuring guitarist **Paul Lowe**. A basket auction will be held for an opportunity to win baskets of donated items from our generous local vendors. Each attendee will also receive a door prize ticket for a chance to win a gift card from a participating restaurant at no additional cost.

In order to support those less fortunate in our area, **Taste of Brookline 2014** has partnered with the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry** in order to collect non-perishable items or monetary donations to help support their mission. The **Brookline Christian Food Pantry** is a non-profit organization that distributes food once monthly to low-income and unemployed households in the Brookline, Dormont, and Overbrook neighborhoods. In February 2014, they served 161 households, with an increase in demand each month. We are asking that each attendee of **Taste of Brookline 2014** bring a non-perishable food item to the event or give a monetary donation of any denomination at the event in exchange for one extra door prize ticket.

Taste of Brookline will be held Sunday April 27, 2014 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the **Church of the Resurrection** gymnasium at 1100 Creedmoor Avenue. In order to help accommodate the growth of this event, there will also be an outdoor tented space (non-smoking) in addition to the space provided for the event in the **Church of the Resurrection** gymnasium. Parking is available on the

surrounding streets with limited church lot parking. Tickets are available online at <http://www.showclix.com> or at **A-Boss Optical, Cannon Coffee, Kribel's Bakery and LeCupcake Shoppe** for \$30. **SPDC** would like to thank our event sponsors at time of print: **Brookline Area Community Council, Urban Redevelopment Authority, Community Bank** and the **Brookline Chamber of Commerce**. For more information or an updated list of participants and sponsors, check out <http://www.tasteofbrookline.com> or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tastebrookline>.

We hope you can come taste all that Brookline has to offer!

-Tiffany Thomas & Jen Anglin
-Photos by Amy Fisher





Letter from the Editor

Batten down the hatches Nellie and get the for sale sign in the yard. Rumors started flying fast and furious last month about a new project proposed for the old DePaul Institute site at the end of Castlegate Avenue. A piece of property we would point out that is in Mt. Lebanon not Pittsburgh. Relax folks, take down the for sale sign and read **Lois McCafferty's** article on page six. Brookline will not go to H, E, double fiddlesticks in a hand-basket if the project is approved. In fact, Brookline could benefit. If the folks in that development want to shop it would be a straight shot down Castlegate Avenue to Brookline Boulevard. Boulevard businesses would benefit from the additional customers. Also, the property is in Mt. Lebanon. While a segment of Brookline tries to maintain the status quo, Brookline cannot control Mt. Lebanon's decisions.

We have noticed some new businesses on the Boulevard. **Simply Shelly Lynn Photography** opened below **Necessities I. Carnival Treats** opened in the old **Vinnie's Pretzel** location. A new restaurant called **Bama** specializing in southern food is planning on opening at the old **Tisha's** site. Another new business will be opening at the end of the month. **Will Luffy** is going to open a writer-for-hire business in the small storefront next to the **State Store**. You can have him write a poem for Mother's Day or any special occasion. Watch for the sign in his window.

The last stage of Boulevard construction has started. Soon the sidewalk work will be completed, and the milling and paving of Brookline Boulevard will start. It has been a long time coming. It was just one year ago that we opened our letter with "Here we go Brookline, here we go! Here we go Brookline, here we go! We are well into reconstruction. The amount of complaints and griping would lead us to believe Brookline residents have never done any home remodeling."

Now everyone has a new complaint. They don't like the trees. They don't like the plants. They don't like the parking meters. Instead of uttering one more line about what you don't like, stop, look around and appreciate what we have in this community. And the next time someone asks you to participate in planning, participate! Then you will have less to complain about because you will have been part of the process.

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Donations through February 2014:


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- Kribel's Bakery - \$1,394.40 
- A Boss - \$144.14
- Hideaway Mini Mart - \$204.61
- Brookline Area Community Council - \$400.00 
- Party Cake Shop - \$111.50
- Mary Guckes - \$100

COMMUNITY CRIMES ZONE 6


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FEBRUARY

CRIMES ZONE 6	Total	Brookline
Aggravated Assault	5	2
Robbery	8	0
Burglary	22	2
Theft	34	8
Theft from Vehicle	9	4
Stolen Vehicle	3	0



WHY SHOP BROOKLINE? SHOPPERS, BE AWARE OF THE IMPACT OF YOUR SPENDING DOLLARS.



Shopping at your locally owned independent business brings back more dollars to the community. Local independent businesses and the Chamber of Commerce support your baseball, football and other sport leagues, churches, Halloween Parade, Breeze Run, and school programs. The Brookline businesses add to the character of Brookline, contributing more than just goods and services. They offer personalized attention and bring life to the Boulevard. Each time you choose to spend your dollars at a local business you are saying "Yes" for the continued strength and vitality of our community.

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

- Brookline Christian Food Bank 412-344-8451
- Carnegie Library 412-561-1003
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BROOKLINE DAY AT KENNYWOOD

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



As you read this, construction has resumed. Please read this section for more updates on the Brookline Unveiled (grand opening).

- **Mast arm at Mazza Pavilion:** It was reported that this arm vibrated. I was told that when the signs are attached this should stop.
- **Did you know:** There is NO parking on Wedgemere Avenue. Pennsylvania State Motor Vehicle Code states. "no parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk." This is not a new law; it was always enforced. Now we have signs that state No Parking. The milling and paving of the Boulevard is scheduled for June. **Facchiano** will be working on this as well.
- Two traffic lights on the poles are standard. This does not mean that you should make a second lane. There are two traffic lights at Glenarm Avenue and Flatbush Avenue. These are definitely one lane each way. You may even see a traffic pole with more than two traffic lights. This is for increased visibility.

-Lois McCafferty



BROOKLINE LOSES A HERO

After World War II many heroes, after completing their military duties, returned home, married, had children and went to work all without much fanfare. Brookline had many WWII heroes but their numbers are decreasing.

Salvatore J. Bondi was one of the quiet heroes who, after enlisting in the Army at age 20, participated in the invasion of Normandy on D-Day and was awarded a Purple Heart and the Silver Star along with a POW medal. He became a prisoner of war during the battle and was held at Nuremberg for five months.

After the war he became a barber and opened his own shop on Brookline Boulevard in 1947. He lived upstairs of the shop with his wife Josephine where they raised their two children, Agnes and Sal.

Mr. Bondi cut hair for over 60 years at the same location. When he was in his early eighties he stepped aside to let Little Sal take over the hair cutting duties upon his return from his shop in California.

Sal Bondi passed away quietly on February 20, 2014 and was laid to rest, with full military honors, in Queen of Heaven Cemetery. He will long be remembered for his friendly smile and his service to our country.

When on the Boulevard stop by **Sal's Barber Shop**, say hello to Little Sal and check out the old time barber shop atmosphere. His father's tradition is carried on.

-Lee Herbermann



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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!



Beginner's Walk Class

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

Guitar Lessons

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.

Boot Camp Style Workout!

Come join us Wednesdays at 6:00PM for a workout sure to get you into the best shape of your life! Some of the best trainers in the city will be here to push you to your limit! Come see for yourself - if you think you're ready! Co-ed ages 8 to 18 yrs old.

Zumba

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.

Instructional Basketball Clinic

Boys and Girls ages 6-8. Saturdays beginning April 26. Clinic goes through June 14. Time: 12:00-2:00pm. Cost: \$10 per participant. Come and learn basketball fundamentals from Coach Milan and his staff.

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

CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF BROOKLINE APRIL BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Wednesday, April 9 at 1:00PM *TransAtlantic* by Colum McCann**

Monday, April 28 at 6:00PM *TransAtlantic* by Colum McCann**

Carnegie Library Book Buzz

Thursday, April 24 at 6:00PM *Are You My Mother?* by Alison Bechdel

** One Book One Community Selection



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 **412-304-3086 NEW PHONE NUMBER!**
- **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 Stephanie at 412-531-6667. www.angelsplacepgh.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. 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.**



SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

Veterans Designation on Driver's License

Thanks to recently enacted legislation, PennDOT has launched a program that allows all Pennsylvanians who have served in the military to apply for a driver's license or identification card that specifically identifies them as a veteran. With many businesses and other organizations throughout the region and the Commonwealth routinely offering veterans discounted or specialized services, the special designation will better allow veterans to prove their eligibility for such programs.

Qualified applicants for a Veterans Designation on their license or identification card include those who have received a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty/DD214 or equivalent for service in the United States Armed Forces. This includes a reserve component of the National Guard who were discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable.

There is no fee for the Veterans Designation but qualified applicants must pay any initial issuance, renewal, or duplicate driver's license or identification fees. If a veteran is renewing his or her license, the Veterans Designation is free with the cost of renewal. Veterans who wish to change their current, valid license or identification card to add a Veterans Designation prior to their renewal date, must pay the duplicate license fee.

To learn more about the new Veterans Designation license and identification cards, please visit www.dmv.state.pa.us. You may also call or stop by my office, located at 932 Brookline Boulevard and my staff will be happy to help you apply.

Passing of a Legend

Pittsburgh lost a DJ music legend last weekend with the passing of Porky Chedwick at the age of 96. Porky was a native of Brookline. Known as the Daddio of the Raddio, Porky was an inspiration to artists, musicians and radio personalities throughout the region over the years. Within the last few years, I was honored to have him in Harrisburg where he addressed the entire Senate on the Senate floor and was pleased to welcome him at my annual FontanaFest. I extend my deepest condolences to Porky's family and friends.

DePaul Institute Property in Mt. Lebanon


A group of developers, Green Development & 180, Sota Construction and Oxford Development Company would like to build a 60 unit senior high-rise and energy efficient town houses. The town houses would be sold not rented, not section 8, not HUD - sold! The prices of the town houses are not yet decided, but may start at \$300,000. The high-rise will be for seniors 62 or older. Twenty percent will be for subsidized senior housing. Again, not section 8, not rented and not HUD. This is not part of a voucher system or section 8.

This will be on 8.1 acres of land, the Priory not included. For tax credit purposes they have a 15 year + 15 year stay. This building plan will be worked in phases.

There was a rezoning hearing on Tuesday, March 11. If this is rezoned, the developers then must go through Mt. Lebanon planning which will be very intense.

-Lois McCafferty

[Editor: According to an article by Nick Lewandowski in *The Almanac* <http://www.thealmanac.net/article/20140312/NEWS/140319969> the motion to rezone was tabled. "...commission president Linfante expressed a continued commitment to transparency. 'I recognize some of you may not trust us,' she said. 'I hope through additional dialogue made possible by tabling this we can gain your trust.'" Again, the motion was tabled not rejected or defeated. At the time this publication went to print, Mr. Lewandowski said the agenda for the next meeting was not set.]



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EARTH DAY APRIL 22

WHAT'S GOING ON AT PITTSBURGH WEST LIBERTY?



Jennifer Lippold

As spring is quickly approaching (thank goodness), we here at **West Liberty** are quickly springing along with the hustle and bustle of many activities.

We are very proud that we have a winner at our school for the Carson Scholarship. The Carson Scholarship is a gift of money contributed towards a student's college tuition. In order to be considered for the scholarship the student has to have a 3.75 grade point average or higher in all academic areas. They also are required to perform humanitarian acts as well. **Jennifer Lippold** was announced as the winner for our school. She not only had the academic qualifications, but also wrote a wonderful essay concerning her devotion to the Girl Scouts. Jen mentioned that she was a year younger than other children in the scouts and as she heard their stories on selling Girl Scout cookies, she decided to incorporate their methods into her selling goals. As a result, she won the top cookie seller badge. Jen stated, "If you have self-motivation, self-confidence and a positive attitude you can achieve all of your goals too." Jen has been the top cookie seller three years in a row. Obviously, Jennifer has applied this type of methodology to her grades as well. Way to go Jen! We are very proud of you.

In February, we participated in the Jump Rope for Heart Campaign. This was led by our physical education teacher, **Ms. Fitzgerald**. The children raised money to help children with heart issues. At **West Liberty**, we raised \$2,403 with 85 children participating. The top heart heroes were **Allie Chappel, Danielle Swearingen, Dylan Russel, and Annaliese Keefer**. Annaliese was the top fundraiser for our building. Thanks to **Ms. Fitzgerald** for utilizing her wonderful organizational skills. Also, we would like to thank everyone who participated in making this a successful campaign.

We also have some wonderful contributing authors. The following children wrote book reviews for our morning meetings to inspire other children to read. **Aric White** presented his review on a very interesting book entitled "A Story, a Story." It is written by Gail Haley and is about a man named Nyame who owns every story in the world and the efforts of Ananse to buy the stories. The main characters are Nyame (the sky god), Ananse (the spider), Osebo (the leopard), Mmboro (the hornet), and Mmoatia (the fairy). The next review presentation was given by **Logan Keady**, also in second grade. He reviewed the book "Dark Day in the Deep Sea" written by Mary Pope Osborne. From the review, it sounds like an intriguing book. The two main characters are Annie and Jack who are taken to places by the magic tree in the woods. In this story, it takes them to a beach on a deserted island. They are rescued by the crew of a ship who is looking for a sea monster. The last student to give a presentation was **Tyler Andrews**. The book review he shared with us was "The One and Only Ivan" by Katherine Applegate. It won the John Newberry Medal for the most distinguished contribution to American Literature for children. "The One and Only Ivan" is based on a true story about a gorilla named Ivan who lives in a glass cage at the Big Top Mall with his friends Stella (an aging elephant), Bob (a stray dog) and Ruby (a young orphaned elephant). The mall is owned by Mack who is experiencing financial difficulties. To find out what happens to Ivan and his friends, we encourage you to read this book.

Keep in mind this month will be PSSA testing. This test has great importance to show the continued success of our school and our students. Parents please remember that you have an important role in this too. Please make sure your children go to bed early during test time, get up for school on time and have a good breakfast prior to the test.

One last thing, we are currently enrolling for our 2014-2015 academic year. Feel free to call our office (412) 571-7420 if you'd like to stop by and visit our school. That's all for now. Look for our article next month when we'll feature the Honor and High Honor Roll students for third report and hopefully some warmer weather as well. Remember **Pittsburgh West Liberty** is "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."

-Deonne Arrington, Principal

-Teresa Grusong-Adams, First Grade Teacher

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Nicholas Family Wins Jefferson Award for Volunteerism



On March 2, 2014, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette announced that Brookline's Nicholas family is one of the local winners of the 2013 Jefferson Award, known as "The Nobel Prize of Volunteerism." The Nicholas' have run the **Brookline Knights** youth football program for the past nineteen years, since 1995. They first became involved with the program two years earlier, in 1993. The award winners include **Joe and Lisa Nicholas**, and their children **Nicole, Jamie, Gina and Joey**.

Over the past two decades, Joe and Lisa have built the **Brookline Knights** into one of Southwest Pennsylvania's best youth football programs. The children have grown

up within the program, first participating as players and cheerleaders, and later as officers and coaches.

Brookline Knights football teams have captured 17 league titles and several runners-up during Joe Nicholas' tenure as President of the organization. Many of these teams were coached by Joe himself. Behind it all are Lisa and the kids, who have worked tirelessly for so many years to keep the program running at peak performance.

The Jefferson Award was created in 1972 by Jacqueline Onassis, Senator Robert Taft and Sam Beard to honor the unsung heroes of our country. The program is named after founding father Thomas Jefferson, a man who reflected the spirit of excellence in America.

In 1976, former Pittsburgh Post-Gazette editor John Craig established a local program honoring Western Pennsylvania's "Community Champions" -- everyday citizens who encountered problems in their neighborhood and created solutions to fix them.

The Nicholas family and other local award winners will be honored later this year at an elegant dinner reception, where they will be presented with the bronze Jefferson Awards medallion. They now qualify as a candidate for the region's Most Outstanding Volunteer title, the winner of which will attend the national awards ceremony in Washington D.C. That winner will be chosen later this year.

Joe, a full-time Pittsburgh Police officer, and the rest of the Nicholas family have done so much for the community of Brookline over the last two decades. Their spirit of dedication and selfless devotion to the Knights program has enriched the lives of thousands of our neighborhood youth and are one of the many reasons that Brookline is such a special place.

Congratulations to Joe, Lisa, Nicole, Jamie, Gina and Joey on this well-deserved honor.

-Clint Burton

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2014-16 BROOKLINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** will be updating the **BROOKLINE BUSINESS & COMMUNITY DIRECTORY** for the 2014-2016 years. This directory is used by many residents and businesses for easy access to local businesses, churches, government, and community groups.

If you want your business listed, two things are required.

- Your business is located in the Brookline community.
- You are a member in good standing of the **Brookline Chamber of Commerce**.

Annual membership is \$50. **Final Deadline** is April 10. You can pick up an application at **A-Boss Opticians**, 938 Brookline Boulevard or contact Secretary **Nikki Wood** at nicole1723@comcast.net.

-Linda Boss

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS MONTH

April 14 Monday

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

April 15 Tuesday

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

April 21 Monday

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



The Heritage Players are offering an eight-week program of acting classes beginning the week of April 14.

Classes are grouped by ages 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, 15-17, and 18-adult and will be held at the **Seton Center**, 1900 Pioneer Avenue, Brookline. Email info@heritageplayers.org or visit www.heritageplayers.org to view course descriptions, class schedule and to register online. A recital will be held for all classes on June 13, 2014. Heritage Players members receive a 10% discount on the class fee.

Coming up: "The Crucible" June 20-22 and 27-29.

-Nuela Zalak



CVS accepts food donations for Brookline Christian Food Pantry. With the cut backs to food stamps there are more people in need of assistance.

Brookline Park Earth Day Cleanup

Saturday, April 26

Brookline Recreation Center

Time: 9:00am-Noon



Come and help us clean up the trash in Brookline Park and the surrounding area. All ages welcome! Refreshments will be provided. Dress appropriately, please.

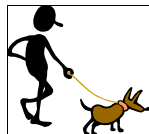
Lunch With The Bunny



We are having a special event with crafts, food and the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 5 at the **Brookline Recreation Center**.

Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm. Request a \$3 donation per person and a bag of candy per family. Pre Registration is requested. Lunch will be served by the staff. Please bring your camera!

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BROOKLINE'S 2014 EARTH DAY REDD-UP



Brookline's Earth Day Redd -Up will be held on **Saturday April 19**. Participants should meet at **Cannon Coffee** at 9:00AM. While we will be limited on what we can do on the Boulevard, we will clean many of the side streets and other areas suggested by residents. If you know an area or street that needs cleaned, call us at 412-343-2859 or email mnp.grabowski@verizon.net and put "trash" in the subject line.

Dormont AARP#3016 invites its members and the public to its spring fundraiser with a **Pancake Brunch on **Saturday, April 26, from 8:00AM - 12:30PM** at the former **Dormont Presbyterian Church, Potomac & Espy Avenues**. The brunch includes **sausage, applesauce, juice, coffee/tea**. **Adults-\$5.00, children under age 10, \$2.00**. There will also be pastries for sale.**



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-Tom Butera



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.

2/23 Five walkers went out on this Sunday. Two of us went out at 2:00PM. One person went out before, and two people went out after. In total five of us covered the same area from Queensboro to Stebbins. Due to the snow melting and cars pulling out of parking spots we were all able to pick up trash. In the same area. The total collection for the business side of the Boulevard on that day was **24** grocery-size plastic bags. We did not get a count on the residential side.

The quantity of dog waste is disgusting. We have Dogipot bags, but we have too many dog walkers who are not making use of them. Cigarette butts cover the planted areas. Again, the new trash containers have a cigarette disposal feature.

To those residents who have voiced their interest in having more businesses, particularly upscale businesses, open on the Boulevard we suggest you ask yourself this question.

"If I was looking to open a business, would I choose a location where trash littered the sidewalk, and the sight and smell of dog waste greeted customers when they approached my business."

You may not be the culprit, but if you aren't helping to pick up or calling out those who litter or do not pick up after their dogs, you are not going to get the businesses you say you want to see open on 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

2/23 - Four tall kitchen bags including several cracked hubcaps.

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

Norwich Ave. - Michael & Pamela Grabowski

2/23 Two grocery store bags

600 Woodbourne Ave. Wayne Grassel

900 Woodbourne Ave. - Diane Walkowski & Mary Anne Miller

Mary Anne: 2/24 - Large kitchen bag of trash and blue bag of bottles and cans.

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 down Pioneer to Brookline Blvd. - 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

1200 block of Berkshire Ave & Freedom Ave/Pioneer Ave. from Southcrest Ct. to Cadet Ave - Marie Vater

Fortuna & Cadet - Dom Maggs



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COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

Our beautiful parks and greenways are one of the great aspects of living in South Pittsburgh. Unfortunately, instead of green, beautiful spaces, we often walk or drive by and see ugly, repulsive trash and illegal dumping.

Allegheny CleanWays is a local non-profit that has been working with our office and the Mayor's office to help clean up! Locally, their DumpBuster program has made significant progress along Edgebrook Avenue. Over this blustery cold winter, volunteers from across the region have removed almost 2,000 tires from the area by contributing more than 141 volunteer hours.

These clean-ups beautify the neighborhoods and inspire pride in residents and potential investors. Studies show that dumping and litter send a signal of blight and neglect. Cleaning up our streets and woods not only enhances their physical appearance, but also deters crime and spurs investment. Cleaning up our green spaces and deterring future dumping sends the message that our communities are clean, safe, and green, and anything less will not be tolerated.

In 2009, DumpBuster Coordinator Joe Divack started out as a retiree who started cleaning up illegal dump sites on his own time. In 2010, he began working with Allegheny CleanWays to develop the DumpBuster program. In this role, he manages the assessment and cleanup of illegal dumpsites, supervises volunteers, and provides his expertise to communities wanting to clean up various dump site sites throughout Allegheny County. In addition, Hannah Geiser joined Allegheny Cleanways in September 2013 and now also serves as a DumpBuster Crew Leader, among other responsibilities within the organization. Now, Joe, Hannah and a small group of volunteers head to illegal dump sites almost every day to tackle the obstacles and remove around a whole ton of trash in two days! Wow!

People of all skill levels are welcome to join the DumpBuster crew. DumpBusters have multiple group clean-ups scheduled for the Spring and Summer, along with their regularly scheduled DumpBuster visits. We encourage you to volunteer for one group clean-up, or even to get involved long-term by contacting Hannah at:

Hannah.Geiser@AlleghenyCleanways.org or (412) 381-1301.

We're not only interested in clean-ups, but also in preventing illegal dumping from occurring in the first place. The City of Pittsburgh's Anti-Litter Coordinator Missy Rosenfeld, herself a District 4 resident, is hard at work developing and implementing strategies to curtail dumping in our neighborhoods. One of her most successful techniques is using video cameras at popular dump locations to capture illegal dumping as it occurs, which can then be prosecuted with video evidence.

In Pittsburgh, dumping is illegal and is punishable by up to \$5,000 for the first offense and up to \$10,000 for additional offenses, plus court costs. Dumping of tires is of particular concern, because they can collect standing water and become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. If at any point you see dumping taking place in parks or public spaces, please call 9-1-1 immediately so that offenders can be caught in the act and issued a citation. If you have any questions about how to

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BROOKLINE HISTORY GROUP

A big thank you to everyone who came to the first meeting of the Brookline History group! Several ideas have been brought up in discussion, such as an Oral History collection, a Then & Now photography collection and many others, which will be further discussed during the second meeting. We welcome all interested attendees to come socialize with your neighbors, preserve our history with the community, and help decide what this group will become. On Monday, April 7 from 6:00PM to 7:00PM at CLP-Brookline, we hope to see you there!

-Shayna Ross



REPRESENTATIVE ERIN MOLCHANY

Spring is finally here, and so too are some exciting happenings in the district!

The first-of-its-kind South Hills Renovation Fair is just around the corner. **Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak** and I have gathered together local and state government agencies, nonprofits, community groups and associations to give you all the information you need to start on that home renovation project this year. I hope you join us on Saturday, April 5 at the **Church of the Resurrection** in Brookline from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Later this month, I will be hosting my first Senior Fair on Thursday, April 24 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at St. Pamphilus Church in Beechview. For seniors 60 years or older, there are an incredible number of government resources, volunteer opportunities, and educational programs available. We will have live music and refreshments. The Senior Fair will certainly be an exciting event you don't want to miss.

I am sure no one needs to be reminded that the deadline to file your taxes is fast approaching. Stop by my office for the state and federal tax forms you need. We also have Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms available. We can help you fill these out and process them. Contact my office to see if you are eligible.

If you have any questions regarding these events, or any other services I could provide, feel free to call my office at 412-343-2094, or stop in and visit us at 900 Brookline Boulevard!

COOKIES FOR ANTI-LITTER ART CONTEST



We need volunteers to provide cookies for the art contest awards ceremony that will be held on May 10, 2014. The cookies may be purchased or homemade. If you have been looking for a way to volunteer and like to bake, this is your opportunity. Call 412-343-2859.

News from Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8

Our students, staff, and parents are all excited about our Bobcats Against Bullying program. Students in every grade have been taught six lessons on the definition of bullying, what is and is not bullying, the roles individuals play in bullying, how to handle different situations, conflict resolution, and respecting differences. They are incorporating what they have learned in their daily lives, too. We will continue to work on this issue as we strive for our goal: *To provide a safe and welcoming environment where students value and understand diversity; and they are provided the tools to develop the social-emotional skills needed to make safe choices and take a stand against bullying.*

Our Student of the Month awards have been updated to reflect the themes that our bullying awareness and prevention program highlights. In January, students were recognized for respect; February, perseverance and effort; and in March, honesty. In April, the focus is cooperation; in May, it will be humor, and in June, service. Our staff is always on the lookout for students who practice these character traits, whether it is for student of the month or other types of recognition.

We had a great time at our PTA's first Books on Parade activity on January 31. We would like to recognize the middle school students who assisted with this event: **Madison O'Donnell, Mya Marzan, Autumn Rigot, Kaylie Rothermel, Zack Rush, Lena Stalker, and Abbey Strang.** They read to younger children, helped with book-related crafts, and assisted with our book parade. It was great to see several Greg Heffleys (from the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series) and a few Junie B. Joneses among the various characters who were represented. The student who raised the most money for our Read-a-Thon was second grader **Robbie Campbell.** He won a Kindle for his efforts. Congratulations, Robbie!

Our PTA also held its first Science Fair for grades 5 – 8. Over thirty students participated in this voluntary activity! Families were treated to a spaghetti dinner the night of the fair. Congratulations to first place winner **Jesse Assaf,** second place winner **Sarah Miller,** and third place winner **Marissa Wolfe.** Honorable mention awards went to **Sydney Smith** and **Shanyasia Santek.** Great job, scientists!

We had a Scholastic Book Fair in March, sponsored by the PTA. Students were really excited to pick out new books for their collections. Thanks to all of the parent volunteers who helped to make the book fair a success!

Finally, our annual PSSA testing is underway. Please remember to send your child to school on time, as students who arrive late can't join testing already in progress. A good breakfast is important, too. Breakfast is served at school until 8:10 if you would like your child to eat in the cafeteria. More detailed information was sent home to parents and families, but if you have further questions, please call the school or contact your child's teacher.

-Amy Cornelius

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Northwood Realty Services, in partnership with *In Community* Magazines, announces a new opportunity for residents to show pride in the places they call home and boost the reputation of your community.

The **2014 Northwood Neighborhood Awards** officially launched March 1 with a public call for nominations.

Here are details:

- Unlike other broad neighborhood recognitions, the Northwood Neighborhood

Awards program is a new way to highlight distinctive or special places on a micro-level.

- We're encouraging nominations for individual streets or residential developments within a community so we can showcase all the "hidden gems" that collectively make the Pittsburgh region such a great place to live.

- Visit starting March 1 through April 30 for more information and to nominate your favorite place or neighborhood in any or all categories.

Residents will find out how their neighborhoods stack up when winners are announced on June 15. In addition to full bragging rights, winners in each category will be featured online and within selected issues of *In Community's* 32 local magazines that serve the four-county region.

-Andrea Short



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Low and Slow - New BBQ Just Down the Boulevard



A lot can be said about a restaurant by the passion of who's running the show. As I waited to speak with **Donn Wilson**, owner of **The Smokehouse Bar & Grill**, I watched him teach his method of slow cooking dried beans used in menu items. This guy has a serious passion, a passion for things done the right way, and he isn't afraid to share how. "Just when you think the beans are done, you cook 'em some more." Located on the corner of 2500 West Liberty Avenue and Saranac Avenue, **The Smokehouse Bar & Grill** opened its doors February 21.

The Smokehouse Bar & Grill opens daily at 11:00 am for lunch, serving smoked and BBQ/Southern based cuisine. Pittsburgh has seen an influx of many cuisines, but BBQ is a challenging playing field for competition. Donn has been in the business for more than 30 years and welcomes that challenge. He takes great

pride in making everything fresh and literally everything... from scratch. As a former USDA inspector, the prep areas and handling of meats and seafood are of utmost importance to him and the care is comforting to others. From making his own sausage, to grinding his own beef for hamburgers, to mixing his 3 sauces- a signature sauce, a honey jalapeno, and sweet thai chili, scratch menu items are the focus of **The Smokehouse Bar & Grill**.

Burgers and smoked wings are cooked over an open wood-burning flame. The nacho chips are fried in house and served with fresh diced tomatoes, fresh sliced jalapeno and your choice of brisket, pulled pork or southern fried shrimp as a topper. Also on the menu are po-boys, honey glazed chicken, baby back or St. Louis style ribs, house made cornbread and biscuits. Sides include mac and cheese, fresh cut fries, sweet potato fries, black eyed peas, yellow rice, coleslaw, red beans, collard greens and more! Wilson says they smoke their own bacon and ham hocks to flavor the sides with.



I had a chance to sample some of the fare one night. The smoked grilled wings are something different in town, really a must try! They are big on flavor, deep layers of smoke topped by a flame kissed skin. I tried the 'signature' which is pleasantly perfect. Some sauces can be too sweet or too spicy, or even grainy, this was none of those; it let the meat shine through which a true BBQ lover can appreciate. I also sampled the southern fried chicken and fried pickles, both had a light coating of batter and were big on taste. The fried shrimp also have a delicate tempura like batter and are large in size. I had them as sliders, on Cellone's mini buns with shredded lettuce and a sriracha mayo.



Donn's passion doesn't stop with just the craft of BBQ, he wants his patrons to enjoy a list of brews and spirits, he wants families to feel welcome in the non-smoking part of the establishment and he wants the working crowd to swing in for a weekday lunch. With three bar areas, big screen TVs, a stage and a dance floor, he also hopes to draw in some of the city and South Hills nightlife for a late night bite and to hear live music and DJs. Right now the establishment is slated to stay open till 3:00 am serving food on Fridays and Saturdays. A website is in the works.

I don't mind knowing where my food comes from, maybe not the name of the pig, or what farm it came from, but knowing it was made with pride and so are all its little friends. I left with a smile on my face and smoky sauce residue on my fingers. Help welcome **The Smokehouse Bar & Grill** to the area, stop by, say hello, and don't forget to try the food!

-Jen Anglin



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* Join or renew as a Sam's Plus™ Member and receive a \$25 gift card, or join or renew as a Sam's Savings™ or Sam's Business™ Member and receive a \$10 gift card. You must be 18 or older to purchase a membership, and membership is subject to qualifications. This offer is valid for memberships issued in-club only and is not valid online. Gift card will be provided at the time membership is paid for and card is issued. This offer may not be combined with any other offer or promotion. Only one gift card per primary member. The gift card with this offer cannot be used toward membership fees and must be claimed within 30 days of membership sign-up or renewal connected with this program. Membership cards are non-transferable and are valid at all Sam's Club locations worldwide. Walmart® and Sam's Club associates are not eligible for this offer. A Sam's Plus Membership and Sam's Savings Membership include one primary card and one spouse (or other household member 18 or older) card. A Sam's Business Membership and Sam's Plus Membership for business include one primary card, one company card and one spouse (or other household member 18 or older) card. Primary memberships are valid for one year from the date of issue. Offers are not valid at SamsClub.com or by mail. Visit SamsClub.com/privacy to view our privacy policy. Offer not valid in Puerto Rico. For a limited time only. One-time use only. Only original certificates accepted. **Offer good through December 31, 2014.**

** All terms and conditions apply. Instant Savings are subject to availability and valid dates. Select Instant Savings are available online. For Click 'n' Pull® purchases, Instant Savings can be redeemed at point of sale at the club with the primary membership card. State and local laws may require sales tax to be charged on the pre-discounted price of an item with an Instant Savings offer. To view your Instant Savings account, visit SamsClub.com/instant savings or download the Sam's Club app. Member must have a registered email on SamsClub.com in order to access the Instant Savings account page online. Visit SamsClub.com/instant savings for program details and terms and conditions. Instant Savings may take up to 24 hours to load to a membership account.

† Based on estimated annualized savings on items members purchased in select categories derived from a survey conducted in 30 U.S. markets between 2/25/2013 and 3/15/2013 comparing our regular unit prices to regular and shelf-visible sale and loyalty discount unit prices of selected non-club competitors, including but not limited to grocery stores and mass retailers, but excluding Walmart®. Local savings for individual customers vary. For more information, please send requests to the attention of Sam's Club Member Services, 2101 S.E. Simple Savings Dr., Bentonville, AR 72716-0745.

‡ Number of items and value of Instant Savings varies. The Instant Savings membership joining and renewal package is valid for 30 days from the date of sign-up or renewal.

\$25 Plus Member: **979830**

\$10 Savings or Business Member: **979823**



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