



## PIATTO RISTORANTE ITALIANO

Passion. Fun. Excitement. Those are the words **Scott Aguglia** uses when talking food. Scott is the owner and chef at **Piatto Ristorante Italiano**, a cozy and inviting Italian dining haven next to **Brookline Pub**.

The restaurant, which opened in November, follows in the successful footsteps of Scott's first two dining ventures. After graduating from college, he was proprietor of a thriving restaurant/bar in Nebraska. When family considerations brought him to Pittsburgh, he opened Cent Anni's, a restaurant and bar on West Liberty Avenue.

That location was doing well, but Scott realized he wouldn't be truly happy until he could immerse himself full-time in cooking. The smaller restaurant on the Boulevard—customers call it "cute" and "quaint"—provides that opportunity.

At 36, he already has decades of experience preparing Italian dishes. When he was five, his parents would drop him off at his Sicilian-born grandparents on the way to work. In their kitchen, he learned to knead, hang, and cut pasta. By the age of seven, he had graduated to sautéing.

His vocational passions are creating authentic homemade-style Italian cuisine and making his customers happy. He says consistency in preparation is important, but relishes the chance to tweak his dishes according to the expressed tastes of his diners.

"If you want spiciness on a one to ten scale, I can figure it out. That's what makes it fun."

All dishes are made from scratch. Scott says he can go off-menu without compromising the taste or Italian authenticity to accommodate people with lifestyle diet choices, such as vegans or those who may be on a gluten-free diet.

He radiates enthusiasm when discussing cooking and can switch from English to Italian depending on a customer's preference.

I asked him to put modesty aside and describe some of his "signature" dishes. He accommodated by saying: "I feel all of my dishes separate me from other Pittsburgh Italian restaurants, but the two more obvious would be my pink sauce creations such as the Tortellini Piatto or the Penne and Artichoke. If you like a traditional vodka sauce, mine is similar but with the thickness and creaminess of an Alfredo and the taste of my signature marinara. Another is the top-selling Chicken Marsala, which is more cream-based and sweeter than most traditional Marsalas."

Scott was a standout in high school football and a speedy 4-year wideout at the University of Nebraska, where he was on the receiving end of passes from Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch.

He loves to help youth—his activities have included teaching Italian cooking to mentally challenged youngsters, mentoring in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The move to Brookline Boulevard has been good, says Scott. "I like Brookline. Everybody's big-hearted. There are a lot of good people here and many different cultures. All of my customers from Cent Anni's come up to **Piatto** and now I have all these new customers."

You can bring your own bottle for a modest cork fee or **Piatto** will obtain drinks for you from the neighboring **Brookline Pub**.



-Dan Kaczmarek  
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## Letter from the Editor

All we can say is, it is about time. We are tired of the cold temperatures and that white stuff. We need more sun! Did you notice the flowers at **Cannon Memorial Park**? A group of volunteers spent a chilly Saturday last fall cleaning and planting. There is more work to be done at the park, but it will have to wait for construction to be completed in that area. There are other areas that will need tended. Remember, if you would like to assist with the Boulevard landscape contact us, and we will put you in touch with **Eileen Papale**.

Last month we mentioned the new project proposed for the old DePaul Institute site at the end of Castlegate Avenue. We heard from resident **Marilyn Walsh**, and you can read her response on page 8.

We took advantage of a nice Sunday afternoon - post litter duty - to reward ourselves with a soft-serve cone from **Carnival Treats**. We sat at a table outside and enjoyed the sun and the ice cream. We will definitely be back for a funnel cake at **Carnival Treats**.

Since we don't play favorites, after our cone, we stopped at **Scoops** to buy a pint of black raspberry and caramel truffle to take home. While we were waiting for our pints to be packed, we noticed the small ice cream cakes in the freezer. Someone really knows how to decorate. These small cakes would be perfect for two people, and they are beautifully decorated.

Now that the weather is warmer and most of the sidewalks are done, we encourage you once again to take a walk on Brookline Boulevard. The street itself is a disaster, but it will be repaved soon. In the meantime, check out what's new. Take advantage of the new outdoor seating available at tables or benches along the Boulevard. Grab a cup of coffee at **Cannon Coffee** and a donut at **Party Cake** or **Kribel's** and sit in the morning sun. Are you a late day walker? Stop for a cone at **Scoops** or **Carnival Treats**. They are both open past 6:00pm so go for dessert.

Make this spring and summer in Brookline a time of discovering what's new. Brookline is changing. People are discovering our little gem. Housing prices are reflecting the renewed interest in our community. People want to come to Brookline to be a part of our revitalized community. Aren't you glad you're already here?

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Aggravated Assault	3	1
Robbery	6	0
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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



If you're a walker as I am, you may have noticed that in several locations on the Boulevard there are sidewalks with crumbling and shifting concrete issues. This was noted before Facchiano resumed construction on March 17, 2014. It was also noted at our first progress meeting on March 20. These sidewalks will be removed and replaced.

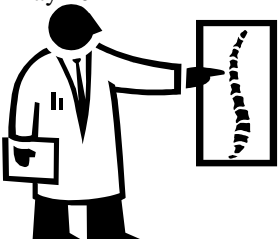
When reading this article you will notice that the new traffic light signals at Glenarm, Flatbush and Castlegate Avenues are activated.

**Milling and Paving:** There was a request made by the city to have the milling and paving done sooner than scheduled (June). First, the plant just opened on April 1. Early paving is being discussed to see if it is possible. All information is being collected and talks with the person in charge of milling and paving are in progress.

At our last update meeting on April 10, the construction is ahead of schedule in some areas and on schedule in other areas. There was also discussion what can be done with the old rails. Yes, they are professionals and they do know how to research what works and what doesn't.

Scheduled completion day is June 25, 2014.

-Lois McCafferty



# INJURY PREVENTION

**Good-bye, winter!** Spring has sprung and we are all eager to escape winter hibernation. While we plan to escape our caves to tackle outdoor chores and spring cleaning, we must plan to prevent injuries that may occur when trying to take on too much at one time. Spring and summer activities require us to use muscles that have been inactive for most of the winter! Fatigue and injury are not uncommon when we use these muscles after months of rest.

**Here are just a few tips to prevent injury...**

### Warm Up

Just as athletes warm up before a game, we need to take time to stretch our muscles before beginning our spring chores and activities. Take time to slowly stretch in all directions. Bend from the waist forward, backward and side-to-side. Take time to reach high into the air with your arms and behind and to the sides. These simple movements will loosen the arms and shoulders. Always stretch slowly, stop with pain, and hold each posture for 10 to 20 seconds.

### Rest When Needed

If you begin to feel tired or sore from your task, stop and rest! After 30 minutes or so, return to your task. (I promise you, chores are going nowhere.) Preventing injury from fatigue is easy! Just pace yourself!

### Lift with Your Legs

Always lift with your legs. Pick up heavy items with knees bent and lift with the large muscles of the legs, NEVER the back. It is crucial that you never lean forward without bending your knees. Improper form can lead to a stretching of the sciatic nerve and the large group of muscles in the back of the leg commonly referred to as "the hamstrings." Not good!

As always, see your Doctor of Chiropractor if pain persists and for any additional tips.

*-Dr. Guy M. Reschenthaler, Chiropractor  
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## COME JOIN THE FUN WITH YOUR COMMUNITY



### **Kennywood Park**

### **Brookline Community Day Picnic**

**Monday, June 23, 2014**

Pavilion #3 is reserved for this event. Bring your picnic basket.

By purchasing your tickets from **The Brookline Chamber of Commerce** all profits go back into your Community in the form of Community activities that the Chamber sponsors.

Tickets to this year's picnic can be purchased at the following outlets:

**A-Boss Opticians, Cannon Coffee, Community Bank, Kribel's Bakery, Party Cake Shop, Seton Center and The Medicine Shoppe.**


Funday tickets can be purchased for \$26.00 and Senior Funday tickets (age 55 and older) can be purchased for \$15.00.

The ticket outlets should have the tickets available for sale around May 15.

The tickets purchased for this event may be used on other dates if you are unable to attend the Community Day picnic. The dates that these tickets may be used are printed on the back of the tickets. The senior Funday tickets may require a surcharge if used on any day other than June 23.

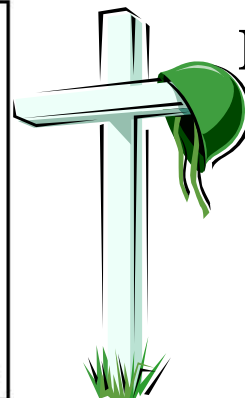
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**-Pat Ruby and Linda Boss**



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# MEMORIAL DAY

# MAY 26

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### Pittsburgh Boxing Club

Workouts on Wednesday nights from 6:00pm-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!



### 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 guitar 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. Cost: \$5 per session.

### Instructional Basketball Clinic

Boys and Girls ages 6-8 are welcome at this six-week clinic. Learn basketball fundamentals starting Saturday April 26 and running through June 14. The clinic runs from 12:00pm - 1:45pm. Cost: \$10 per participant.

### Sign-ups for the Brookline Recreation Center Summer Basketball Leagues begin in May.

Instructional League (boys and girls ages 9-11) and 14-Under League (boys and girls ages 12-14). Programs run from mid-June through the first week of August. Cost: \$40 per player. Deadline for registration is **May 31**. Roster positions are limited. **Programs begin after Little League baseball ends. Sign up now!**



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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.**



## SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Pennsylvania is a national leader in carbon monoxide (CO) deaths and poisonings. Considered the “silent killer,” CO is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced by the incomplete burning of various fuels and in high concentration can lead to flu-like symptoms, unconsciousness, and even death.

In March, I introduced a package of bills that would require carbon monoxide detectors in the following facilities, if these facilities use a fossil-fuel burning heater or appliance, or have an attached garage:

- Dependent care facilities including nursing homes, older adult daily living centers, personal care homes, and assisted living residences
- Dorms at institutions of higher education including universities within the State System of Higher Education, community colleges, state-related institutions, and any college or university which is operated not for profit
- Lodging establishments including hotels, motels, inns, guest houses, or other structures that provide temporary accommodations
- Schools including public, nonpublic, charter, regional charter and cyber charter
- Child care facilities including boarding homes for children, child care centers and nursery schools that are licensed and regulated by the Commonwealth

Recently, the Carbon Monoxide Alarm Standards Act was signed into law that requires landlords to install CO detectors in all multi-family rental units and single-family rentals that have an attached garage. I supported this measure but we must do more.

I hope the introduction of my legislation brings new awareness to this avoidable problem and encourages people to install at least one detector in their home.



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## WHAT'S GOING ON AT PITTSBURGH WEST LIBERTY?

The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming and we are bustling at **West Liberty**. Our school has been very busy both academically and within our community.

Our Principal, **Ms. Arrington**, asked the children to participate in a writing contest concerning Jackie Robinson. This was an additional homework assignment for our students in grades third through fifth where the children wrote about the importance of Jackie Robinson. We were thrilled to see that several students accepted the challenge. We are very proud of the work they submitted and the extra effort involved with this project in addition to their regular studies. The students who participated were: **Carly Ayers, Allison Berlin, Cheyenne Burgos, Bella Crapis, Michele Defide, Delaney Devault, Sarah Dugan, Taylor Edmunds, Lindsey Greb, Christopher Grosse, Jacob Grosse, Taraya Hall, Jayelle Hancock, Shi'Quon Lane, Meliki Manley, Destiny Stone, Adriana Artzberger, Kevin Ayers, Ashlyn Bushmen, Evan Carter, Thomas Conley, Carter Czegan, Emerson Davis-Martin, Keegan Derrick, Elizabeth Dugan, Rosiebella Fiabema, Chloe Fischer, Shylynn Hancock, Christian Hutchinson, Trevon Jones, Allison Krapp, Hannah Kuchnicki, Maura Lenkner, Madison Lohner, Haylee Manna, Kayleigh McDermott, Bayleigh Meade, Giselle Pennix, Casey Price, Sela Rectenwald, Kailee Waite, Milena Yochus, Aiden Anderson, Tyler Andrews, Kylee Arlotta, Nicholas Ault, Julia Blake, Adam Chandler, Finnegan Davis-Martin, Madison Heid, Autumn Hurst, Madison Kyle, Jennifer Lippold, Briona Martin, Sager McDill, Nicholas Mohan, Roland Rhyne, Sean Smith, Daniel Stangrecki, Richard Stowe, Kayla Sunder and Emily Synowiec.** The students are going to receive a special sundae reward for their extra effort and hard work.

We also want to wish good luck to our ballroom dance team. The students will be having their final competition on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The competition is being held at Taylor Allderdice High School. We are proud of you.

Our Principal, **Ms. Arrington**, enjoys volunteering with Pittsburgh Cares. This group reaches out to the needs in the Pittsburgh Area and provides assistance in many community areas. This month she asked the students if they would be interested in assisting her in an upcoming event. She informed fourth and fifth grade that she needed 16 students to help at Kane Hospital with a carnival that is given for senior citizens. To her surprise, she received 60 applications. Since she received more applications than needed, she had the task of reviewing the applications and selecting 16 students. While it was a difficult decision, she selected the following students: **Giselle Pennix, Allison Krapp, Hannah Kuchnicki, Kylee Arlotta, Kailee Waite, Lynasia Lane, Margaret Smith, Rasheed Horne, Trevon Jones, Visawn Pennix, Da'Shon Freeman, Zachary Mincin, Christian Gable, Ricky Ovalles, Ricky Stowe and Mac Anderson.** We are very proud of all of the students who volunteered to give assistance in the community. What a great way to support our school's logo of "Character Counts."

Lastly, we would like to acknowledge our hard working students for the third report. The following students made honor roll or high honor roll in their academic courses.

**First Grade:** Blake Andrews, Serenity Blair, Jeremy Gatts, Laniaya Green, Melanie McDill, Jacob Morrison, Brandon Sutton, Lauren Bateman, Miracle Beck, Te'Mar Carlisle, Brayden Carter, Alexandra Chappell, Collin Clegg, Camryn Czegan, Lalainya Day, Brady Dugan, Marcus Fields, Zhyen Freeman, Malakai Gallant, Erin Gorman, Ariana Gorny, Julia Hartzell, Alexandra Howerter, Karma Jackson, Mackenzie Joyce, Chelsea Kohr, Austin Landosky, Levi Linkenheimer, Sienna Lugo, Daniel Mack, Kaelyn Manna, Mary Martinez, Curtis Moore, Michael Morascyzk, Olivia Porter, Hannah Protch, Ionna Reid, Amber Ringler, Ryley Pail, Karrigan Stevens, Breanna Stowe, Jaz'zir Tyler, Nathan Viga, Haley Willy, Jaedyn Zilch, and Colby Zwigart.

**Second Grade:** Landon Bauer, Leah Black, Gage Derrick, Joshua Garcia-Gomez, Onya Goodwin, Kylee Grippo, Ethan Howerter, Jayonna Johnson-Dunwell, Connor Jozwiak, Annaliese Keefer, Michael Lippold, Justin Shipman, Alexis Stowe, Nathaniel Akam, Hannah Black, Justin Carder, Cinthya Gonzalez-Degracia, Riley Joyce, Isabelle Junaidi, Aidan Kamra, Logan Keady, Anthony Ketter, Danielle Kohr, Mason Maxwell, Brianna O'Neil, Aubrey Panella, Alexa Philistine, Alex Rowser, Kylie Schanck, Brayden Smith, Danielle Swearingen, McKayla Vietmeier, and Aric White.

**Third Grade:** Allison Berlin, Rylee Blake, Kameron Cheatom, Brenna Clegg, Mikalah Freeman, Jayelle Hancock, Shi'Quon Lane, Samarra Laur, Ashley Lippold, Shane McCalla, Gabriella Stanizzo, Destiny Stone, Carly Ayers, Cheyenne Burgos, Bella Crapis, Michele Defide, Delaney Devault, Isaiah Dixon, Sarah Dugan, Benjamin Fishman, Lindsey Greb, Christopher Grosse, Jacob Grosse, Taraya Hall, Katelynn Joyce, Ireland Kennedy, Talaesia McKelvia, and Israel Sylcott.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Your comments in last month's newsletter regarding the development planned by Mt. Lebanon for our backyard are a bit cavalier. I don't think anyone who lives near the abandoned property on the corner of Midland and Dorchester is happy with the ugly, dangerous condition that the property is in now, but the proposals by Mt. Lebanon Township, if completed, will affect us for years to come. If we don't ask for a place at the table in their planning, we will be at their mercy. I've already seen the lack of concern Mt. Lebanon has for property abutting this strip of land. What is built in that area will have very little effect on their residents, but has a strong impact on the people who live along Dorchester, Midland, Castlegate, and other residential Brookline streets. The entire surrounding area is zoned R-2, single family residential and they are requesting R-4 high density zoning.

I appreciate that you see this as a business opportunity for our community, but imagine a 5-story building suddenly rising on the opposite corner from where you live. There are small property setbacks. There will be traffic and noise. About 80 more cars will possibly drive past your house on a daily basis. This is not something to relax about. This is something that should concern every Brookline resident. We need to ensure any development in that area includes egress and entrance on both McNeilly and Dorchester; it should have open space, sidewalks and trees. Dorchester should be widened to handle the traffic load and I'm not sure what can be done about Castlegate, where people already park on their sidewalks.

Not only will this spot rezoning lead to increased traffic, it could exacerbate a drainage/sewage problem that already exists in the area. Homeowners on Dorchester and Queensboro have seen increased flooding since the Salvation Army project was completed. Sewage lines combine with storm water pipes from the parking lots and flood the street and our homes following heavy rains. Sewer lids pop off and sewage water runs from Dorchester down to Queensboro and finally makes its way to a stream on McNeilly Road...damaging everything in its path.

We know development is coming, but someone has to take a stand to protect our homes and residential environment. Personally, I do not trust Mt. Lebanon Township to complete a project as originally proposed. In the approved plans for the Salvation Army, the road to Dorchester was to be a gated exit for emergencies only (which it is not), and they promised monitoring of the holding pond so that storm water would not pour onto Dorchester (which doesn't work). So, for you to dismiss our concerns shows there is still ignorance about this issue and the consequences of trusting Mt. Lebanon to responsibly develop the property when it is rezoned.

*-Marilyn Walsh*

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**Fifth Grade: Mac Anderson, Julia Blake, Alexander Collinworth, Madison Heid, Rasheed Horne, Tyler Palmer, Emily Pham, Roland Rhyne, Daniel Stangrecki, Jaden Vincent, Elijah Williams, Tyler Andrews, Nicholas Ault, Kaylin Bradley, Cameron Colwell, Samuel Coley, Zoe Deline, Madison Kyle, Lynasia Lane, Jennifer Lippold, Nicholas Mohan, Ariyana Moore, Enrique Ovalles, Visawn Pennix, Emily Synowiec and Savannah White.**

Keep up the great work! We are very proud of our students. If your child would like to consider joining our **West Liberty** family, we currently have enrollment for 2014-2015 kindergarten class. If you would like to visit our school, please contact **Mrs. Brunk** at 412-571-7420. Enjoy the beautiful weather and remember **Pittsburgh West Liberty** is "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."

*-Deonne Arrington, Principal*

*-Teresa Grusong-Adams, First Grade Teacher*



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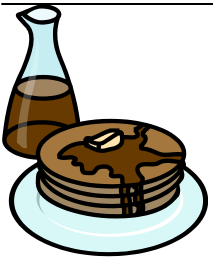
As the gray and dismal winter wound down, Brookline-area students took up drawing materials to say "NO!" to littering. The artwork was done in conjunction with a Brookline anti-littering art contest sponsored by the **South Pittsburgh Development Corporation**.

On Saturday, May 10, the artwork will be displayed and awards presented at the **Brookline Recreation Center** as part of a fun anti-littering activities day. In addition to the awards, there will be eco-friendly giveaways, free recycling craft activities for kids young and old, refreshments, and photo-ops with the colorful Pittsburgh Litterbug, looking to reform his ways. All Brookline-area students and their families are encouraged to stop by.

The activities will be from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. The awards ceremony will start at 2:00pm. Contest judges include local artists **Robert Daley, Lois McCafferty, Sarah Miller, Rosemary Nulton, and Lois Walsh**.

Please do not wear high heels, boots, or hard shoes as they are not allowed on the gym floor. After May 10, all winning pieces will be displayed in establishments along Brookline Boulevard.

-Dan Kaczmariski



## Cub Scout Pack 601's Spring Pancake Breakfast

The Parents of Cub Scout Pack 601 will be holding a Spring Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, May 18, 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 under 3 years old. Price includes pancakes, sausage, coffee and cold drinks for the kids. All proceeds directly benefit our Cub Scouts!

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THIS MONTH

**May 5 Monday**

**Brookline History Group** 6:30PM at **Carnegie Library** 708 Brookline Blvd.

**May 12 Monday**

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

**May 13 Tuesday**

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

**May 19 Monday**

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



## CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF BROOKLINE MAY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Wednesday, May 14 at 1:00PM *The Big Sleep* by Raymond Chandler  
 Monday, May 19 at 6:00PM *The Murder of the Century* by Paul Collins



### Carnegie Library Book Buzz

Thursday, May 22 at 6:00PM *Running With Scissors* by Augusten Burroughs



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

## 45th REUNION SOUTH HILLS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969

SEPTEMBER 13, 2014 7:00PM-10:00PM RIVERS CASINO PITTSBURGH NORTH SHORE

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The Casino is located on the North Shore of Pittsburgh. The dinner will have a wide selection of foods offered in a buffet style. Each guest will receive \$10 in slots credit. Parking is free. **No guests allowed who are younger than 21. All guests must show photo ID.** The nearby Hyatt has a set of rooms for our use at a special \$209 rate. This rate expires July 30, 2014. You may also choose to purchase tickets to see a Pirate Game on Sunday at the nearby PNC Park! Other SHHS friends of 1969 graduates are welcome to join us for the evening. Committee Members: Tom Butera, Pat Miscimarra Zinger, Jeff Jones, Pat Murphy Coulter. Questions: Pat Coulter at [patcoulter@gmail.com](mailto:patcoulter@gmail.com) or (570) 974-1279. Mail reservations to: Pat Coulter, 928 2nd Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701-3015. Please pay by check made payable to **SHHS 1969 Reunion**. **Reservation deadline is July 1, 2014. Seating is limited to the first 120 paid guests.** **-Tom Butera**



## CAR CRUISE

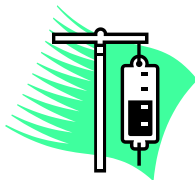
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### ADOPTED BLOCKS

**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**

**600 Woodbourne Ave. Wayne Grassel**

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

**Diane: 3/1** - I was able to get out ...for well over an hour & half. Nearly filled a black lawn & garden bag with trash & 4 recyclable items.

**Mary Anne: 3/10** - Half kitchen bag of trash, a penny and a hammer.

**Diane: 3/16** - Picked up enough litter to fill a kitchen garbage bag & a full blue bag of recycling.

**Mary Anne: 3/24** - Little less than 1/2 a kitchen size bag of papers and one plastic bottle.

**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 Dr. to Cadet Ave -**

**Marie & Becky Vater: 3/16** - My mother and I were able to pick up 5 bags of trash plus 6 hubcaps on Pioneer Avenue between Southcrest Drive and Cadet Avenue. We also encountered two needles...

**3/23** - My mother Becky and I were able to pick up about 5 bags from all our sites. At Pioneer Ave, we were able to collect 2 bags. We also got 1 bag from Freedom Ave. and 2 on the 1200 block of Berkshire. We also collected some scrap metal on Oakridge St. near our Berkshire site. We believe it was from a grill.

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**Date: Thursday, May 8th**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Location: Brookline Memorial Recreation Center  
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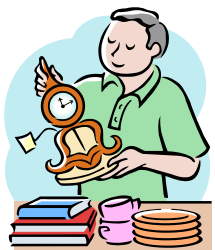
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## BROOKLINE BREEZE



The 33rd Annual Brookline Breeze 5K Fitness Run/Walk will be held on **Saturday, August 9**. The event also features a 1-mile Fun Run for kids and a 1-mile Dog Walk for

those who wish to bring along the furry ones. Online registration is available now. Paper registration forms will be available for download after **May 15**. A family of five can register for only \$40, a savings of nearly 50% (with mail-in registrations only). Look for the Family Entry Form. For more information, visit [www.brooklinebreeze.com](http://www.brooklinebreeze.com).

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Do you think the streets in your neighborhood are in the worst shape they've been in a long time? Well, you're probably right. According to Mayor Peduto's office, our 3-1-1 operators received 3,200 more pothole complaints this year compared to last year at this time.

Pittsburgh has hundreds and hundreds of miles of asphalt roads. Stretched end-to-end, they would reach from the Point all the way to Minneapolis! Because of weather and climate, weight and pressure, and various chemical exposures (like gasoline, oil, and salt), asphalt begins to deteriorate almost as soon as it's freshly laid down. Taking all these factors into account, an asphalt road is expected to last for a decade in Pittsburgh. If we do the math, that means we should pave about 86 miles of road per year to keep up with the rate of road failure.

Unfortunately, that isn't the full story. Since 2004, budget constraints have reduced paving to far fewer than 86 miles per year. Not only that, but the city has been stretching paving dollars by not milling down old pavement, and laying down a thin veneer of new asphalt over old. Roads that are "paved" this way begin to fail in just a few years, rather than the estimated 10.

Years of deferred or inadequate maintenance leave the City with a lot of catching up to do. At a press conference last week, Mayor Peduto made a commitment to invest significantly in capital improvements, including streets, city steps, parks, playgrounds, pools, etc. Catching up will be expensive, and will require a long-term commitment to reinvest over the next 10 years. To give you an idea of exactly how pricey this work will be, it costs approximately \$315,000 to pave one mile of road. To learn more about paving, you can check out the infographic on our website: <http://pittsburghpa.gov/district4/paving>

The good news is that the paving of Brookline Boulevard is funded separately, and will begin in the next few weeks. Paving will begin shortly at Brookline Memorial Park and conclude at the intersection with Pioneer, when the sidewalks and intersection improvements are completed in July.

In the meantime, please continue to call 3-1-1 to report new potholes as needed. The Department of Innovation and Performance is working to revamp the 3-1-1 system to ensure faster response times, and the Department of Public Works will continue to patch as necessary. Other questions or concerns? Feel free to call our office any time at 412-255-2131 or reach us online at [www.pittsburghpa.gov/district4/contact](http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/district4/contact)



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## THE HERITAGE PLAYERS



The Heritage Players are holding auditions for its Sixth Annual Summer Broadway Revue on Friday, May 9 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, May 10 at 2:00 PM at the Schoolhouse Arts Center, 2nd floor, 2600 South Park Road, Bethel Park 15102. (Old trolley is parked in front.) Seeking ages 13 to 19 for performances at The Seton Center, 1900 Pioneer Avenue, Brookline on Saturday, August 9 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, August 10 at 2:00 PM. Please prepare a song of your choice, and also a monologue if possible. For more information visit [www.heritageplayers.org](http://www.heritageplayers.org) or email [heritageplayers@yahoo.com](mailto:heritageplayers@yahoo.com) or phone 412-254-4633.

Coming up next month: Arthur Miller's classic drama, "The Crucible" June 20-22 and June 27-29!

-Nuela Zalak

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**Memorial Mass at Church of the Resurrection, 1100 Creedmoor Avenue, May 25 at 11:30 AM.**



## News from Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8

It seems that spring has finally sprung, and the staff and students at **Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8** are thrilled! It has been wonderful to get out on the playground and have the sun shining during dismissal. We would like to thank everyone for their hard work during our standardized testing. We saw families make a special effort to be at school on time and prepared, and this provided a better environment for all. Thank you to our staff for being flexible and doing a great job, too!

On April 11, our fifth grade students who participated in the Dancing Classrooms program gave a performance for families and the fourth grade. They were thrilled to show off what they had learned. As our assistant principal **Mr. Matthew May** said when introducing the dancers, "Dancing Classrooms is about more than dancing; it's about forming bonds." Indeed, students practiced and learned about community, respect, and teamwork in addition to dance steps. Congratulations to all of the students who were involved!

Our PTA would like to thank everyone who participated in the Sarris candy sale and the Market Day Lifestyles fundraiser. All of the funds that the PTA raises go right back to our school and students. Before we know it, Fun Day will be here! Please consider volunteering for the day or even an hour or two on May 30. It takes many hands working together to make Fun Day a success. If you ever have any PTA questions, just send an email to [brooklinepta@gmail.com](mailto:brooklinepta@gmail.com).

**Principal John Vater** and **Mr. May** continue to host coffee with the administration on the third Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. They are also part of our parent and family book study group which takes place on the first Friday of each month, also at 8:30 a.m. For more information about these opportunities for parent involvement, please call the school at 412-571-7380.

-Amy Cornelius



## Local Soldier Honored In Hall Of Valor

The Memorial Day Parade will soon be flowing along Brookline Boulevard, and once again the streets will be lined with parade-goers who come out to honor our fallen heroes, the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice in the cause of freedom and liberty. For the family of one young man from Brookline, this Memorial Day will be a bit more special than those of previous years.

On Sunday, March 23, 2014, Lt. **Thomas James Cullison** was inducted into the Soldiers and Sailors National Memorial Hall of Valor. Tommy fell during combat in France on September 10, 1944. His acceptance into this prestigious community of wartime veterans marks the end of an effort that began one year ago, one that has brought his heroic tale back into the lives of the Cullison family.

Tommy was the second son of **William** and **Mary Cullison**. He grew up, along with brothers **William Jr.** and **Dick**, on Birtley Avenue. A star athlete at **South Hills High School**, Cullison attended a military academy before transferring to Bethany College. When World War II began, he and his fraternity brothers enlisted en masse.

In August 1943, after completing infantry training and Officer Candidate School, Lt. Cullison returned home on leave. His brother William, a Navy

Lieutenant, was also home. After an all too brief reunion, Tommy was sent to England, then on to the battlefields of France.

**Lt. Thomas Cullison** was a platoon leader in Company E, 2nd Battalion, 11th Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, part of General Patton's Third Army. During fighting for the city of Angers, Tommy was awarded a Bronze Star for leading an assault to capture a vital bridge over the Maine River, forcing the Germans to abandon the city.

In September, Company E took part in the bloody battle for the Dornot Bridgehead. The Division needed a crossing over the Moselle River in order to attack the enemy stronghold of Metz. Crossings were made at Dornot and, further south, at Arnaville. Thought to be lightly defended, the Germans had unknowingly moved strong forces into positions opposite Dornot.

On September 8, 1944, the first companies to cross the river began to push inland when they were suddenly counterattacked by powerful elements of the 17th SS Panzer Division. Grenadiers and armor swept down upon the stunned GI's and threatened to annihilate the Americans. Company E had just completed their crossing when the battle erupted.

Lt. Cullison and his men helped form a hasty defensive perimeter around a patch of woods no larger than two football fields, then held their ground while the assault force slowly made their way back to the tree line. Attempts to reinforce the men in the bridgehead were met with accurate and deadly artillery fire. By evening the Americans had consolidated their tenuous position in the woods and the order was to "hold at all costs."

The men followed their orders. Company E and the remaining American defenders held off one enemy attack after another with a remarkable showing of bravery and discipline. On September 9, efforts to reinforce the men were abandoned, but the fight went on.

For three days the Americans held on to their small patch of woods. The Germans attacked a total of thirty-six times in an effort to dislodge the stubborn defenders. During this time, many of the surviving men, and all of the officers, were wounded. Although the situation in the bridgehead was dire, the soldiers of the 11th Regiment were engaging a substantial number of enemy soldiers, thus aiding the effort to establish the southern bridgehead.

Finally, on September 10, the decision was made to abandon the Dornot position. Although wounded, Lt. Cullison was one of the only officers left in a condition to command. Overcoming exhaustion and injury, Tommy helped organize and lead the evacuation. When it was his time to cross, he elected to swim so the remaining enlisted men could use the few available boats.

**Lt. Thomas Cullison** entered the Moselle River and was never seen again. He was listed as missing and presumed drowned. For his selfless and heroic leadership during the Battle for the Dornot Bridgehead, he was awarded the Silver Star.

It was five years before the Army issued a finding of death for **Lieutenant Tommy Cullison**. When the results were released, his parents reacted with stunned disbelief. His body had never been recovered, and subsequently Tommy was never given a burial. With quiet resignation, William and Mary spent their remaining years mourning the loss of their

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# Local Soldier Honored In Hall Of Valor



**Chuck Cullison and Clint Burton at Soldiers and Sailors on March 23.**

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beloved second son.

Along with Tommy's brothers, they attempted to put his memory to rest. The burden was hard to bear, and consequently they did not speak much about it. As a result, only bits and pieces of Tommy's heroic tale were passed down to future generations.

Fast forward to 2011. While researching Brookline's fallen soldiers, we learned about Tommy Cullison and the Battle for the Dornot Bridgehead. The story was relayed by some former Brookliners who grew up during the war years. The Brookline Connection then set upon learning more about Platoon Leader Cullison and the war record of Company E.

In April 2013, an initiative was begun by the Brookline Connection to seek long-overdue recognition for this courageous and highly-decorated son

of Brookline. By virtue of his Silver Star citation, Tommy Cullison qualified for induction to the Soldiers and Sailors Hall of Valor.

With the help of Don Sayenga, Cullison's cousin Bob was located in New Mexico. After correspondence, Bob began the process of preparing a presentation. Tommy's nephew, Chuck, who still resides in nearby South Park, took the lead and brought Tommy's credentials before the nominating committee in January.

News that Tommy would be inducted came the following month. Family members from as far away as New Orleans and North Carolina came to witness the ceremony at Soldiers and Sailors. For many of them, this was the first time they learned what a remarkable soldier and true American hero Tommy really was. It was a wonderful day for the Cullison's, and an event that in a special way provided a form of closure to a family that had struggled for 70 years with the mysterious loss of their loved one.



Unbeknownst to the Cullison's, Tommy's spirit had been kept alive all of these years near the town of Dornot. His name is etched onto the hallowed Tablets of the Missing at the Lorraine American Cemetery in St. Avold, France. The curator of the museum was kind enough to provide a photo of Tommy's name for the Cullison family.

So, when the flags are waving this Memorial Day, and patriotism shines bright in the hearts and minds of the good citizens of Brookline while they watch the parade procession make its way along the boulevard, remember **Lt. Thomas James Cullison** and all of Brookline's fallen veterans. These brave men made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may live with the precious gifts of Freedom and Liberty.

For a full listing of Brookline veterans who fell in the service of our country during war time, visit the Brookline Connection's War Memorial page at: <http://www.brooklineconnection.com/history/Gallery/Cannon.html>

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*-Clint Burton*

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-Diane Walkowski



## REPRESENTATIVE ERIN MOLCHANY

What a month April was!

Thank you to everyone who joined me at the South Hills Renovation Fair earlier in the month and at my first annual Senior Fair just a few days ago. I was proud to host these events because there has so much support from the community to bring events like these to you.

I was overwhelmed by the interest from local homeowners to improve not just their properties but their streets and our neighborhoods. At the Senior Fair, I was moved by more than just a few people who were more curious about volunteer opportunities than they were about services for themselves. I look forward to bringing more resources, information, and opportunities to you in the future. If anyone has questions about information offered at either of the events, feel free to contact my office.

**CONSUMER ALERT!** As a member of the Consumer Affairs Committee, I work very closely with Pennsylvania's Public Utility Commission (PUC), which regulates public utilities. Over this past winter, the PUC received over 15,000 complaints regarding outrageous spikes in electricity bills. I have been helping several constituents already who have been affected by variable rates. If you or someone you know has been affected, please reach out to my office at 412-343-2094. We will do our best to work with the electric company, the PUC, and the Attorney General's Office.

Finally, just a reminder: Property Tax/ Rent Rebate forms are still available, and the deadline to apply is June 30! If you would like assistance completing and submitting the form, make sure to stop by my office on Brookline Boulevard.

## Brookline Appearance In Veteran Documentary

Last year, two combat-wounded Veterans set off on a 6,500-mile motorcycle journey across America to raise awareness about the high rate of suicide amongst Veterans. During their journey, they interviewed researchers, healthcare providers, and Vets, many of whom had either contemplated or attempted suicide about the sources of hope that they had found. Pittsburgh served as one of the many stops along the way, including Brookline, where the crew shot interviews and slept during their time here.

This film's title, *Project 22*, is inspired by the recent Department of Veterans Affairs estimation that 22 veterans commit suicide every day in the US. The feature-length, not-for-profit documentary melds a motorcycle road-trip and the stories about the servicemen and women they encountered into a hard-hitting and inspirational documentary. By highlighting the emotional successes and alternative resources found, the aim of the documentary is to prevent Veteran suicide by reaching those living with Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) and give them hope for the future. The film is scheduled for release in the summer of 2014.

The view the trailer or learn more about the film and these issues, visit: <http://medicinalmissions.com/project-22>

-Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak, District 4 Newsletter, April 2014



# BROOKLINE'S MONSTER CONNECTION



Bob as Scope Zombie.

Long time resident **Bob Michelucci** and his wife **Dee Michelucci** raised their two children Robert and Dawn in Brookline. The children attended school at **Our Lady of Loreto** and **Seton LaSalle**.

Bob's background is in advertising and in 1977 Bob had an office in the same building as George Romero. Romero was working on *Dawn of the Dead* at the time. They became friends, and in 1978, Bob played the "Scope Zombie" in Romero's *Dawn of the Dead*. Bob's film credits also include a role as a priest in *Children of the Living Dead* and a policeman in John Russo's *Santa Claws*. He was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from The Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror in 1979.



Dee and Dawn as Zombie Mom and Zombie daughter.

Bob isn't the only film star in the family. Dee and Dawn acted in John Russo's *Santa Claws*. Dee played the "Zombie Mom," and Dawn was the "Zombie Daughter" in the *Night of the Living Dead 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition* in 1998.



Lifetime Achievement Award

In addition to his onscreen work, Bob is one of the "pioneers" of the independent horror publishing field. His first book was *The Collectors Guide to Monster Magazines* in 1977. The book was self-published along with Dick Zdinak. It was considered the "bible" for film-monster magazine collecting. An updated second Collector's Guide was published in 1988 complete with Jack Davis cover art.

Bob partnered up with Bill Wilson in 1978 to design and co-publish a slick sci-fi magazine called *Questar* that reached a circulation of 100,000 at its peak in 1981. His publishing career continued when he formed Imagine, Inc. and began publishing and designing some now classic trade paperback titles including Tom Savini's *Grande Illusions* and *Grande Illusions Book 2*, Dick Smith's *Monster Make-up Handbook*, *The Complete Night of the Living Dead Filmbook* and *Bruno Sammartino, Autobiography of Wrestling's Living Legend*.



Bob (second from left) with Tom Savini (left).

In 1993, Bob acted as Chairman for the "Zombie Jamboree...The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Con for *Night of the Living Dead*" in Pittsburgh that brought together the original cast for the first time in 25 years.

Currently, Bob is compiling and publishing his next books titled *Memories of the Living Dead* and *Bob Michelucci's MONSTERous Portfolio*. He also has plans to create The Greater Pittsburgh Entertainment Museum in the lower level of the Hollywood Theatre. As if that wasn't enough, Bob's acrylics of famous monsters are quite impressive and desire a show themselves.



Bob with Chilly Bill Cardille.



-Bob Michelucci with Pamela Grabowski



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This rate expires July 30<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday you may also choose to purchase tickets to see a Pirate Game on Sunday at the nearby PNC Park!

*\*Other SHHS friends of 1969 graduates are welcome to join us for the evening*

Committee Members: Tom Butera, Pat Miscimarra Zinger, Jeff Jones, Pat Murphy Coulter

Questions: Pat Coulter    [patcoulter@gmail.com](mailto:patcoulter@gmail.com)    (570) 974- 1279

Mail reservations to: Pat Coulter 928 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Williamsport, PA 17701-3015

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**Reservation Deadline: July 1<sup>st</sup>**

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# Moms and Cops

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## *One-day Training Seminar Addressing Violence Against Women and Children*

**Wednesday, May 7, 2014 – 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

*Theological Seminary – John Knox Room – 616 N. Highland Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15208*

Please complete the attached registration form and return it to Nancy Mundy by Friday, May 2, 2014 via fax at 412-802-6910, by email at [mundvnl@upmc.edu](mailto:mundvnl@upmc.edu), or to the address listed below to reserve your space at the *Moms and Cops* Conference:

Nancy Mundy, Office Coordinator  
WPIC – Office of Education and Regional Programming  
3811 O'Hara Street  
Champion Commons Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

***No Registration Fee -Continental Breakfast & Lunch provided***  
*Seating limited to the first 100 participants registered*

This is a Special Seminar for the residents, service providers and police officers in the East End section of Pittsburgh. Presentations include: The Victimization of Women and Children Realities of Child Abuse and Neglect - Domestic Violence Prevention and Legal Advocacy – Child Traumatic Stress – Having a Safe and Healthy Pregnancy – Resources Available to Help Families Keep Children Safe – Violence and Mental Health, and much, much more.

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