



## \$1 AND UP

There's something fitting about the location of the new **\$1 and Up** discount store on Brookline Boulevard. Old-timers will remember that building as the long-time former home of Autenreith's variety store.

**\$1 and Up** opened in December. If you've made more than a couple of visits since then, you know things are expanding every month. According to store manager, **Nick Aman**, the store started by offering a reliable inventory of household items for a buck or two but has consistently added to its choices.

Now you can still get discount toiletries, cleaning and laundry materials, kitchen products, and party supplies, but you can also find bargains on name-brand clothing and other merchandise from stores such as Kohl's, Macy's, J.C. Penney's and Walmart.

"Every two weeks we add different items," says Nick. "We have our own supplier who works with the larger stores.

When they get a good deal, everybody wins." As an example, he points to Nike and Adidas T's selling at the Brookline store for \$7 to \$9, compared to department-store prices of \$20 to \$30.

In addition to its growing line of clothing, the store offers name-brand bathroom and bedding supplies, such as comforters, towels, and throw pillows. The day I visited, there were memory foam mattresses for sale.

The store has a nice selection of earrings, necklaces, and other decorative jewelry. And you could outfit a woman, man, or baby from toe-to-head with their selection of flip-flop sandals, socks and leggings, underwear, casual slacks and shorts (I bought a couple pair of Arizona-brand shorts), belts, dresses, women's tops, dress and polo shirts (the ones I looked at were Van Heusen and St. John's Bay), and accessory hats. There's even a rack with evening gowns.

Nick says the store is growing with its inventory. "It gets busier and busier every day," he says.

The store opens early and closes late, 7 days a week.

So in addition to the products mentioned above, stop in to stock up on--or if you have a last-minute need for--any: Hand tools,

tote bags, cosmetics, hair and manicure products, earphones, coaxial cables, pet supplies, flashlights, adhesives, painting supplies, extension cords, school/office/art materials, sunglasses and reading glasses, trash cans, umbrellas, candles, or vases. And that's just a partial list.

I'm going back for one of those really cute scouring pad holders--just need to decide whether I want a duck, pig, or frog.

-Dan Kaczmarek

- Photos Pamela Grabowski





## Letter from the Editor

Have you ever been squeezed in a seat at an event or on a plane or bus? That's how we feel this month. Faced with finding stuff to fill page 18 or trying to squeeze what was on page 17 into existing spots, we chose squeeze. Considering our slowly decreasing bank account, it seemed to be the wise choice. We thought we had juggled and smooched everything in when we received a letter from **Joseph Rogers**. Mr. Rogers took us to task for not mentioning **Mateo's** recently. We assured Mr. Rogers it was not intentional. After all, **Mateo's** has the best Pasta Carbonara around! We suggested that Mr. Rogers write an update article on **Mateo's** for the next issue. We always appreciate a reader not only suggesting a merchant we should revisit, but also taking the time to write the article.

By the time you read this the Boulevard should be in the second week of milling and paving. Our focus will now shift to maintaining our new Boulevard. There is a group of interested residents, some are Tree Tenders, who will be maintaining the plants and trees. The Sunday Trash Walkers will continue to pick up litter. What needs addressed next are the cigarette butts that litter the sidewalks and landscaped areas. Since we have less litter on the Boulevard, people are more aware of the cigarette butts, and they are complaining. The problem is picking the butts up is a tedious job. The weekend of Father's Day a group picked up cigarette butts from the landscaping in front of **Zippy's**. **THANK YOU!** It was a major improvement. There are cigarette butt containers on the trash cans. **Moonlite Café** has a sand urn for butts. Please encourage any smokers you know to properly dispose of their butts. **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** and **South Pittsburgh Development Corp.** are coming up with ways of solving the butt problem.

**Brookline Unveiled**, the two-day event to showcase the new Boulevard, is looking for volunteers. This promises to be an impressive event which will draw people not only from Brookline, but from across the area. Brookline has become the new "in" place, whether it's buying a home, going to dinner or attending events like **Cannon Coffee's** Open Mic night or weekend music jams at **Moonlite Café**. If you are interested in volunteering, contact us, and we will provide you with information.

Take advantage of this beautiful summer and walk Brookline Boulevard. See what's new. Spend some money right here in your own neighborhood. Support the local merchants who did an amazing job during a rough construction period. They held on for us. Now we can reward them with our dollars, and keep our local merchants going strong!

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### THE BROOKLINE PAST ISSUES

**Clint Burton** has archived past issues of **The Brookline** at [www.brooklineconnection.com](http://www.brooklineconnection.com).

### DEADLINES:

**July 12 for August's Issue**  
**August 12 for September's Issue**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SUSTAINING FRIENDS

WOW! For the first time we were in the black. That's correct. In April we collected enough donations added to our ad revenue to pay the printer and have \$29.88 left. That was a major accomplishment. Of course, the same DID NOT happen in May or June due to the size of the issues. So we still need you to help us. We remind the merchants that we can provide a donation box and make monthly collections. Become a sustaining friend of **The Brookline**. We will thank you in the newsletter.

Donations through May 2014:

- Cannon Coffee - \$196.52 ★★
- Kribel's Bakery - \$1,436.70 ★★★
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Senator Wayne Fontana	412-344-2551
Representative Erin Molchany	412-343-2094
Brookline Recreation Center	412-571-3222
Representative Dan Miller	412-343-3870

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



This may be my last update. By time you read this article the construction should be in the second week of milling and paving.

- **Milling and Paving:** The milling and paving began the week of June 23. Why the delay? In some areas the trolley tracks were an issue. All involved met to decide on how and what should be done. Corrections on the grading need to be changed. Yes, this means more paperwork. For this reason the completion date was changed to the first week of July.

**Rumor:** The milling and paving did not start on time because they ran out of money.

**False:** In certain areas, the trolley tracks are not deep enough for the percentage that is required for the paving and binding part of the job.

- **Walk through:** A final walk through will be done when this project is complete. There is a punch list, and any other items that need to be addressed will be placed on the punch list to be addressed.
- **Streetlights / Mast Arms and Pay Stations:**

Did you know? The poles belong to Duquesne Light and the City of Pittsburgh.

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Did you know? Using tape on these poles strips the finish off.

Did you know? If you place a sign on one of these poles, it will be removed the day you put it up. With no permission to hang a sign, it can and will be removed.

As the construction is completed, we are now working on our Brookline Unveiled. Yes, a grand reopening of Brookline Boulevard. The event will be Friday, September 5 from 6:00PM until 10:00PM (adult night) and Saturday, September 6 from 10:00AM until 4:00PM. Save the date and enjoy children's games, arts, crafts, food, music and much more.

A reminder: Don't destroy what we have. Clean up behind your pets; trash goes into the trashcans, and those cigarette butts belong in an ashtray. There are cigarette butt containers on the trashcans. Use them!

-Lois McCafferty



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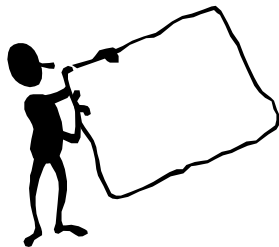
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CLOSED July 4 and 5.



### 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 6:30pm -7:45pm with our certified instructor. Program runs in six-week sessions. Cost per session: \$50 for 6 classes or \$10 a class. Bring your own mat!



### Zumba

On Saturdays from 8:30AM - 9:30AM. Join our certified instructor **Caitlin Houk** and dance away the pounds. Cost: \$5 per session. Ages 10 and up.

### Basketball

Ages 9-11 and 12-14. Runs to first week in August. Call center for times and days.

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### Kids Run For Fun

Boys and girls ages 9-15 work together with adult guidance to optimize their wellness and fitness. Group will meet every Monday and Thursday from 12:00pm -1:30pm. Bring a friend or come alone, don't forget a willing attitude and a pair of tennis shoes!

### Martial Arts Classes

Ages 10 and up. Class starts at 6:15pm and runs to 6:45pm. Call center for days.

### Summer Soccer Clinic

Through July 28. Mondays 10:30am - 11:30am for ages 4 to 6. Mondays 12:30pm - 1:30pm for ages 7 - 9. Tuesdays 1:30pm - 2:30pm for ages 4 - 6. Tuesdays 2:30pm - 3:30pm for ages 7 - 9. Clinic runs through the beginning of August. Cost is \$10 per person.



### Learn To Swim

Moore Pool is offering, in addition to open swim, learn to swim, swim team and lap swim times. All registrations are to be made at Moore Pool.

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



### ROVING ART CART

The art cart will be at Moore Recreation Center on Wednesday, July 9 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. FREE craft activities.



TO MARIA CASCIATO  
WHO RENEWED HER  
SUBSCRIPTION AND  
SAID WE DO "A WONDERFUL JOB WITH  
THE BROOKLINE."

## Call for Volunteers

- **FOREVER HOME BEAGLE RESCUE** call 412-304-4034 or [BeagleHQ@msn.com](mailto:BeagleHQ@msn.com) Foster homes needed as well as donations of dog food, blankets and bath towels.
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- **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

Earlier this year I introduced Senate Bill 1262 (SB 1262) that would provide municipalities and various authorities throughout the Commonwealth the ability to establish policies to address some of the financial responsibility currently being placed on homeowners. Specifically, a public entity could assume or assist with the financial duty of repairing certain private laterals instead of placing the task on the homeowner. A special fund could be created within the local jurisdiction specifically for this matter. Please remember that this is only enabling legislation and no jurisdiction would be required to use this available tool.

A sewer lateral is an underground pipe that connects a residence or business to the publicly-owned main sewer line. Many homeowners are unaware that they own and are responsible for the sewer laterals that are on their property. More recently, local municipalities have come across problems when privately owned sewer laterals are compromised and need repair. These repairs are often essential for human health and safety; however, they come at a steep cost with many homeowners unable or unwilling to pay.

The problem lies in what is known as I & I, which is infiltration and inflow. When you have broken laterals, I & I of contaminated water or sewage enters into the clean part of the system instead of staying out of it. Identifying and removing I & I from our aging collection system is absolutely necessary because not only are they a cause of two to three pot-holes or sinkholes a month in our region, but also pose a risk to residents' health and safety.

Addressing sewer lateral issues has become a challenge across the state, particularly for local municipalities, since prices for repairs range between \$5,000 and \$35,000. Furthermore, many authorities have found very few homeowners comply with the requirement to make these necessary repairs, thus compromising our sewer system even more.

In early June, my legislation was considered and unanimously approved by the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee. I look forward to SB 1262 continuing through the legislative process in the coming weeks and working with the various industry representatives so that a real solution can be created. After all, we owe it to Pennsylvania's residents to put mechanisms in place to protect everyone's health and safety.



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

It's hard to believe that another school year has passed by so quickly. The children have worked hard and are onto a well-deserved break. While the children are enjoying the fun activities of the summer we are busy putting things into place for our upcoming school year.

If you are looking for something to do we would love to have you come and join our family at **West Liberty**. Just an hour a week is greatly appreciated. We have some wonderful students who just need someone to read with. You don't need to worry about having a college education, just by sitting and helping a child read can make a big difference. Free coffee and great appreciation will be given.

We had a busy month in the month of June. We had our farewell commencement for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are moving on to middle school. We also had our Kindergarten Graduation promoting our students as 1st graders. **West Liberty** then had a luncheon for appreciation for all of our volunteers. Our teachers all pitched in and brought dishes to contribute to the luncheon and they also enjoyed some of the varied talents of our students performing for them. We also bid farewell to two of our dearly loved staff members. **Mrs. JoAnn Lozecki** our social worker has decided to retire. She shows a true passion for her job and has always valued our students. She went above and beyond making arrangements for our students and helping them as well as the staff. She is going to be truly missed. **Mr. Dave Strothers** - to call him our custodian doesn't do him justice. Dave was coach to our basketball team and a mentor to the students. All of the students love Mr. Dave's outgoing personality and the way that he showed that he cared for the children. He wouldn't think twice to talk with a child and tell them how to improve in school. He always took time to hear the children and discuss with them what was going on and making them feel better. He always encouraged our students to do their best. Dave has been with West Liberty since it opened. We will truly miss him.

Congratulations to our ballroom dancers. They placed third place, bronze, overall in the competition in May. You made us proud.

Speaking of proud, this year our school participated in the First In Math program. This is a computer based program where children had to solve three problems correctly in order to receive a sticker. Some of our students scored as many as 5,000 stickers which meant 15,000 problems solved correctly. **Mrs. Denise Deltondo** was in charge of the program this year. She worked hard at making incentives to have the children keep working. District Wide we finished in third and fourth place for most stickers earned. District-wide we concluded the year in **FIRST** place for accuracy. We are very proud of our children's hard work this year.

Please keep in mind that we are currently enrolling for the upcoming school year. Please call 412-571-7420 if you're interested in having your child join our school family. Enjoy the days of summer as we look forward to providing you more information. We will have the honor roll for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in the August edition since the data wasn't available yet at the writing of this article. Also mark your calendar now for Save the Date for August 21 for our welcome back to school event. Come and meet the staff as we get ready for the upcoming school year. Remember **Pittsburgh West Liberty** is "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."

-*Deonne Arrington*, Principal  
-*Teresa Grusong-Adams*, First Grade Teacher

## 2014 - 2015 BROOKLINE BUSINESS & COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

### NOW AVAILABLE



The **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** took advantage of the Memorial Day Parade to distribute the latest edition of the **2014-2015 Brookline Business Directory**. Over 1200 directories and fifty pounds of candy were passed out from Brookline to Mt. Lebanon in two cars along with ten Chamber members and helpers.

The new Directory includes a complete listing of Brookline businesses, both Chamber members and non-members along with Community and Church listings. This year the directory includes a Boulevard map for easily locating the many Brookline businesses.

Additional copies will be available at **Community Bank, Cannon Coffee, A-Boss Opticians** and other Chamber members.

-*Linda Boss*



# Brookline Breeze 5k Run Fitness Walk & 1 Mile Mini-Breeze

## Saturday, August 9, 2014

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Registration forms for the 2014 Brookline Breeze are available online at [www.brooklinebreeze.com](http://www.brooklinebreeze.com). There is also a link to online registration. Hardcopy forms are also available at the **Brookline Recreation Center**.

The **Brookline Breeze** is a family event, and we encourage everyone to consider the Dollar Bank Family Discount, where five members can participate in any of our events for the low price of only \$40. More information is available on the Breeze webpage.

This year's commemorative Breeze t-shirt is the third in a four-part series and features another Brookline landmark along the event route, Brookline Elementary School on Pioneer Avenue. Previous shirts highlighted **The Firehouse** (2012) and **The Cannon** (2013).

What better way to christen Brookline's new boulevard than a brisk run or a casual walk on a summer morning. Help us celebrate the rebirth of our community's main drag along with friends and neighbors.

The Brookline Breeze Committee hopes to see you all at Brookline Park on Saturday, August 9, 2014. It's going to be a fun time with something for everyone.

*-Clint Burton*

## TASTE OF BROOKLINE ANOTHER SUCCESS



Thank you, thank you, thank you! To the community, to the visitors and to those who came from near and far to participate in the third annual **Taste of Brookline**. Another sold out event featuring local businesses had an attendance of 260 plus vendors and their volunteers. The majority of attendees lived within the City of Pittsburgh (68%); however, 11% were from areas outside of the City of Pittsburgh and 12% of them traveled from outside of Allegheny County. This event was organized by **South Pittsburgh Development Corporation (SPDC)**, an all-volunteer community group. SPDC supports numerous programs in the Brookline neighborhood of Pittsburgh. **Taste of Brookline** is the primary fundraiser to sustain the organization and its programs and this year we have raised around \$7,500 which will be directly re-invested into our neighborhood through SPDC's events and programs.

We were also able to collect non-perishable food donations and \$100 in cash donations to support the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry** that distributes food to low-income and unemployed households in the Brookline, Dormont, and Overbrook neighborhoods. During the event, **Pittsburgh City Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak** issued a proclamation from Pittsburgh City Council that May 27, 2014 be declared "**Lois McCafferty Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh. Lois has been instrumental in helping Brookline be a better place to live, shop, and eat through her countless volunteer hours and projects. She will continue to be an integral part of its future. Thank you Lois for your continued support of the community!

SPDC would like to again thank our event sponsors, as without their support this event would not have been a success: **Brookline Area Community Council**, Urban Redevelopment Authority, **Community Bank**, **Brookline Chamber of Commerce**, Eat'n Park, **Chuong's Cleaners**, **DeBor Funeral Home**, and **Pittsburgh Vape Lounge**. **Taste of Brookline 2014** showcased 14 vendors including: **Antonio's Pizzeria**, **Cannon Coffee**, **Italian Specialties**, **Le Cupcake Shoppe**, **Scoops on the Boulevard**, **Angelina's Pizzeria**, **Piatto**, **Kribel's Bakery**, **Fabled Table** [photo above right], **Las Palmas**, **Pitaland**, **Swhinery Smokehouse Bar & Grill** [photo above left], **Lancaster Brewing**, and the **Brookline Pub**. If you missed the event, be sure to patronize our sponsors and local vendors so that you too can get a taste of what Brookline has to offer. For photos of the event, check out <https://www.facebook.com/tastebrookline>. Hope to see you next year!



*-Jen Anglin*

# COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THIS MONTH

**July 7 Monday**

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

**July 8 Tuesday**

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

**July 14 Monday**

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

### FREE FLEA MARKET/CRAFT SHOW

At **Brookline Park Parking Lot**

**SATURDAY JULY 12**

**8:00AM to 2:00pm**



Bring your own table. Each site is free. Please **NO** food vendors.

## THE HERITAGE PLAYERS



The **Heritage Players** will be holding auditions for *Little Women* the musical on August 3 at the **Seton Center**, 1900 Pioneer Avenue, Brookline and on August 4 at the **Schoolhouse Arts Center**, 2600 South Park Road, Bethel Park 15102 from 7:00PM-9:30 PM. Seeking actors ages late teens to 70. Please prepare 32 bars of a contemporary ballad. There will also be cold readings from the script. Please email <mailto:tsears45@gmail.com> for an appointment or any questions. Performances dates are October 17-19 and 24-26 at the **Seton Center**. For additional information visit <http://www.heritageplayers.org> or phone 412-254-4633.

The **Heritage Players** will present its "Sixth Annual Summer Broadway Revue" on August 9 at 7:00 PM and August 10 at 2:00 PM at the **Seton Center**, 1900 Pioneer Avenue, Brookline. Featured will be scenes and music from favorites such as *Godspell*, *On the Town*, *Singing in the Rain*, *West Side Story*, *Once*, and much more! Admission is \$7.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. Doors open one half hour before curtain. For more information visit <http://www.heritageplayers.org> or phone 412-254-4633.

-Nuela Zalak

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Keep in touch with us. Give us your weekly bag count. We will be waiting to hear which block you are adopting, so email us at [mnp.grabowski@verizon.net](mailto:mnp.grabowski@verizon.net) and put Adopt-A-Block in the subject line, call us at

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**Mary Anne: 5/7 - Half bag trash**

**Diane: 5/13 - In between deluges, I went around and nearly filled a lawn trash bag. 3 recyclable items. No cash.**

**Mary Anne: 5/19 - Half of a kitchen bag of papers and candy wrappers**

**600 Mayville - Peg Sherwood & Mac**

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**Merrick Ave. bet Eben St. & Brookline Blvd. - Eileen Papale**

**800 Fordham Ave. - Erika Hough**

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**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**

**Whited from Marloff down to the PATway on both sides. - Michael Pilewski**

**Waddington & Kenilworth down Pioneer to Brookline Blvd. - Kim Sabol**

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

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# COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

Since Mayor Peduto took office in January things have been rapidly changing in our City departments. Much like mayors before him, Peduto has chosen a new leadership team and replaced many department heads. Unlike some prior mayors, he has also chosen to fully reinvent a number of departments, create or dismantle others, and generally reorganize Pittsburgh's operations to a degree unseen in recent years.


What does this mean for constituents? First, it means that many of the City services that you depend on are being re-examined and re-deployed in a more efficient way, sometimes by new people with fresh and innovative perspectives on how to get their jobs done. Second, it also means that there's a host of new faces and unfamiliar names making big decisions for the City of Pittsburgh. To minimize the growing pains for District 4, I have chosen to be as pro-active as possible in meeting these new directors and managers, so that I'm able to directly share and explain South Pittsburgh's issues to them, and advocate for the needs of residents like you.

I started by taking members of Mayor Peduto's new leadership team on a bus tour of all our South Pittsburgh neighborhoods. We woke up bright and early and hit **Cannon Coffee** first thing for some muffins and caffeine. Afterward, we walked along the Boulevard, talked to neighbors, and ultimately made our way down to the **Brookline Recreation Center** to discuss its past, present, and future with the center's **Clint Burton**. During the trip we drove through each neighborhood and stopped at dozens of attractions throughout the district, including Overbrook's Accamando Center, Carrick's Colteryahn Dairy, and the Beechview Senior Center. Along with me that day were Chief Operations Officer Guy Costa, Solicitor Lourdes Sanchez-Ridge, Chief Urban Affairs Officer Valerie McDonald-Roberts, Chief of Innovation & Performance Debra Lam, Analytics and Strategy Manager Laura Meixell, Community Affairs Manager Grant Gittlen, and Chief Administration Officer (and Brookline resident!) **Debbie Lestitian**.

Since the tour, I've gone out of my way to meet 1-on-1 with every incoming Chief, Director, and Manager working on issues or projects that could affect South Pittsburgh. In these hour-long (and sometimes longer) meetings, I've presented each staff member with a lengthy memo written especially for them about how I believe they can work to address both City-wide and District 4-specific issues in their new role working for the City of Pittsburgh and its taxpayers. In addition to those mentioned above, I've had meetings with Chief Education and Neighborhood Reinvestment Officer Curtiss Porter, Public Works Director Mike Gable, Building Inspection Director Maura Kennedy, Citiparks Director Jim Griffin, City Planning Director Ray Gastil, and Deputy Chief of Staff Leigh Halverson.

I ran for City Council because I knew that our South Pittsburgh neighborhoods were being ignored by Grant Street. With a brand new mayoral administration in place comes new opportunity. I am doing everything I can to insure that, as these additions to the City's leadership adjust to their new roles, our neighborhoods are well-positioned to receive the attention from City Hall that we deserve. To be certain of this, I'll continue to host informative meetings, plan bus tours, and continuously push for our city's leadership to do right by our communities.

If you have question or concern, or if you have ideas about how we can raise South Pittsburgh's profile throughout the region, feel free to reach out to my staff at 412-255-2131.



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## INJURY HEALING

Summer days are here again! What better time to consider the differences between hot and cold therapy than in the middle of a heat wave?! The use of moist heat and cryotherapy can help our bodies heal, *naturally*. Here's what you need to know...

### Moist Heat

The use of moist heat will help reduce soreness. When using moist heat for the relief of muscle soreness, it is best if used for 20 minutes at a time with a break of 30 minutes between applications. Moist heat is superior to dry heat because the moisture will open the skin pores, permitting the heat to reach deeper in the tissues. A hot shower, soaking in a hot tub of water, moist heating pad, or a damp towel from the microwave would be ways to utilize moist heat therapy. As with any type of therapy the application of moist heat should be comfortable and not result in pain. If pain occurs, stop using the heat therapy.

### Cryotherapy (Cold)

If you suffer an injury that has swelling, inflammation, redness and an increase in local skin temperature, a cold application, cryotherapy, would be the correct choice. Use of an ice pack or a bag filled with ice cubes would be choices for cryotherapy. Always keep a barrier between your skin and the cold application such as a tea towel. This will prevent skin damage. If pain occurs, stop using the cold therapy.

### The Decision of Hot & Cold Therapy

The decision of using heat or cold can be confusing. If you understand the physiological effects of both you will make a better decision. Heat will dilate or open blood vessels increasing circulation. Blood carries nutrients and oxygen to the damaged tissue promoting healing. Blood will also carry debris and tissue waste products away from the injured site. Cold therapy does the opposite. Cold causes vasoconstriction of the blood vessels or makes the blood vessels get smaller. Constriction will reduce the blood flow to the injured tissue decreasing swelling, inflammation, skin redness and temperature. The duration of application for cold or heat therapy is 20 minutes with a break of 30 minutes between applications. The therapy should be pain-free, and if pain occurs, stop the therapy.

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

-*Dr. Guy M. Resenthaler*, Chiropractor  
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### FREE LUNCH/SNACK PROGRAM

**Brookline and Moore Recreation Centers will be offering free lunches and snacks Monday through Friday for children 18 years of age and under. Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm. Snack begins at 3:30pm.**



## REPRESENTATIVE ERIN MOLCHANY

June has been an incredibly busy month because of the budget. I spoke out on prioritizing what is important to the citizens of the South Pittsburgh, advocating for better public schools, protection for families within our district, and expansion of Medicaid. Unfortunately due to redistricting and a recent primary election, I will no longer be serving as a state representative for the City of Pittsburgh and the South Hills as of December 1, 2014. I am no lame duck though! I will continue fighting for you and your communities and representing you with integrity both here and in Harrisburg. I will champion your issues and continue to be a strong presence in OUR community. We still have a long way to go to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. We still have bills to pass, discrimination to fight, and millions of your taxpayer dollars to bring home to fix our roads and save our buses.

When you need help with state services or are concerned about any state level issue, feel free to call, write, or visit my office. My staff and I are still here answering our call to serve. My office will continue to help you with issues such as:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program
- PennDOT paperwork
- Notary public documents
- Senior assistance programs
- Informational publications about state laws
- Veterans' assistance
- Help with healthcare.gov or Compass applications
- Ways to get involved in your community

I will be hosting several "Meet and Greet" events for community leaders in my current district to meet their new State Representatives this summer. Stay posted for more information on those events!

Like I stated earlier, please feel free to get in touch with our office at 900 Brookline Boulevard any time you have a question or concern about a state issue. Our phone number is 412-343-2094, and we are open 8:30-5:00 Monday-Thursday and 8:30-3:00 on Friday during the summer.

## OLD NOTES BY OLD PEOPLE

Fire up the grill, it's time for back yard barbecues and cookouts. As I was driving home from work the other day, I remembered one of the most amazing cookouts ever had.

It happened in 'the woods' located between Chelton and Creedmoor Avenues.

As a youngster, 'the woods' seemed huge and expansive. They were easily accessible to all of the kids in our neighborhood and provided hours of adventures. In 'the woods' we would lift rocks and collect salamanders. We would find junk that people dumped there and turned it into shacks where we would hang out. The tree shaded area had only one downside. On occasion, one could come in contact with poison ivy providing a summer long blistering itch and the need for gallons of calamine lotion. I'm also pretty sure that the woods served as a run off for some of the houses as evidenced by soapy water that was sometimes seen in the creek at the bottom of a small ravine. We didn't care. It was a great place. That is why it was the perfect location for a cook out.

The date for this feast was set. It was decided that one person would bicycle to Melman's and pick up a package of the cheapest hot dogs they sold. Another was to grab some buns, and rest of us were assigned to raid our parent's refrigerators for the condiments. With all of the supplies gathered, it was now time to build the fire that would roast the hot dogs. Most of us had Cub Scout training in the art of building a fire. Stones were gathered to make a ring, the charcoal was dumped, and the flames were soon ignited. All we had to do now was wait for the coals to get hot enough to start roasting the hot dogs.

We were carrying on too loud to hear the sirens from the fire truck until it was right in front of us on Chelton Avenue. Within seconds, half dozen firefighters in full gear were standing around the fire ring asking us what we were doing. "We're having a cookout. Do you want a hot dog?" I asked. Sternly, they told us that somebody reported that the woods were on fire. Clearly, they could see that they were not. They were impressed that we had a fire ring and water to extinguish everything when we were finished and they joined us in our feast. Once everyone was finished eating, the firemen put out the fire and returned to their base. I suppose we broke a few laws that day. I am sure if this occurred today, we all would have been hauled before the magistrate and been in big trouble. In fact, my brother is still worried the fire department is going to tell our parents what happened. But for now, it remains a fun memory of the woods.

-Cliff Gorski



## REPRESENTATIVE DAN MILLER

June is budget month in Harrisburg and during this year's budget my number one priority remains supporting additional, sustainable funding for public education. Given the direction in Harrisburg over the last couple of years, this admittedly remains a difficult goal to reach.

A factor complicating school funding is the growth of charter schools. Today there are over 170 charter schools statewide, largely funded with taxpayer dollars. To be clear, for some students these schools offer a great alternative to the traditional public school setting. That being said, since taxpayer dollars are being spent, we must demand a level playing field between charters and traditional public schools- especially in relation to outcomes, results, and transparency. Currently, I do not believe this to be the case.

For example, you may have heard about the pension "double-dip" problem in relation to charter schools. In short, this occurs because the state reimburses at least 50% of the charter schools' pension costs and then the local school districts are mandated to reimburse an additional 100% of the same costs. Clearly such frivolous double-billing would not be tolerated anywhere else. Additionally, while state support of public school construction has been frozen, millions of dollars a year in charter school lease reimbursements have continued- even though they both come from the same fund.

It is my hope that we will find ways to comprehensively address the fiscal impact of charter schools and move on to the real issue: How to more efficiently and effectively graduate students who are positioned for success in the global economy and who are well-tailored to the future job opportunities in our state.

In that regard, my office will hold a Future Fair on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. In today's challenging times of increased student debt and the lack of family-sustaining jobs, young people need to take a broader view of their opportunities upon graduating high school. This event will offer resources and workshops on related topics and is being coordinated with local school districts, businesses and entrepreneurs. For more information on this and other events you can visit my website at [pahouse.com/miller](http://pahouse.com/miller) or email [RepMiller@pahouse.net](mailto:RepMiller@pahouse.net) and request to receive our eblasts.

### CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF BROOKLINE JULY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Wednesday, July 9 at 1:00PM *Before I Go To Sleep* by S.J.Watson

Monday, July 21 at 6:00PM *The Snowman* by Jo Nesbo

**Carnegie Library Book Buzz**

Thursday, July 24 at 6:00PM *Watchmen* by Alan Moore (Location to be determined)





## RESURRECTION FUN FLAIR - 41ST ANNIVERSARY

Church carnivals offer summer fun for the entire family and are a wonderful way to enjoy an evening filled with the sights, sounds and tastes you can only get from a community festival. If you've lived in Brookline for more than one summer you're probably familiar with the **Resurrection Fun Flair**. If you're not familiar with the Fun Flair then you are missing out on something special! **Resurrection** is celebrating the 41st Anniversary of the Fun Flair this year from Wednesday, July 9 through Saturday, July 12. The festivities begin at 7:00pm each evening and there will be plenty of food, fun and excitement for the entire family.

This year's attractions include: Bake Sale, Bingo, Garage Sale, Chinese Auction, Christmas in July, Food Court, Grocery and Appliances, Funnel Cakes, Games and Prizes, Ice Cream Parlor, Waffles and Perogies, Wheel Barrow of Beer, 50/50, Various Raffles, a Fish Fry and much more!

The Fun Flair includes both indoor and outdoor facilities on the church grounds. **Resurrection Church** is tucked away at 1100 Creedmoor Avenue so if you're not exactly familiar with where it is you can go to the church website at <http://www.ressi.com> to find directions and for more information. Look for the Fun Flair banners and posters in and around Brookline in late June and early July. Mark your calendar and come enjoy the Fun Flair's 41st year of festivities!

-Frank Dattilo

## ADOPT-A-BLOCK VOLUNTEERS ENJOY THANK YOU LUNCHEON



The **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** hosted a luncheon to thank volunteers in the Adopt-A-Block Program on June 1 at **St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church**. **Lee Herbermann** organized the event. **Linda Boss** and **Sr. Barbara Boss** represented the Chamber. Lunch was prepared by **Carol Ingold** and some of her **Meals on Wheels** volunteers. **Lisa Wilson** who cleans Gallion Avenue said, "It was so nice to finally get to meet some people and socialize with those on the same path of making Brookline an amazing place to live."

The Chamber generously donated money for supplies, too. An email was sent to all the

Adopt-A-Block members asking what they could use. Requests for pickers and vests have already been filled.

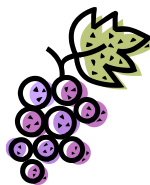
The luncheon included a grape salad that was a big hit. We are including the recipe here. It would be a great addition to any picnic. Thank you Carol for sharing.

-Pamela Grabowski

## GRAPE SALAD

Ingredients:

- 1 cup sour cream
  - 4 ounces cream cheese
  - 1/4 cup sugar
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 2 pounds grapes
  - 1 cup nuts
  - 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- Microwave the nuts and brown sugar for 30 seconds.  
Combine all ingredients along with nuts.



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## BROOKLINE WALL

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-Annette Ferrieri

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# JULY AT CLP BROOKLINE

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Painting by *Dino Guarino*

collaborative Oral History project for all of Brookline residents.

Power Yoga with Amy will meet every Wednesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm throughout the year with the exception of holidays and other closings. July dates are 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30.



Movie SHOWdown will meet on Tuesday, July 8 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. This group will discuss comparisons of the original movies versus the re-make every 2nd Tuesday of the month. July will focus on the movies "It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World" & "Rat Race."



Crochet and Knitting Fun! will meet on alternating Saturdays in the month of July. The meetings are July 12 and July 26 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. This group is open to all interested attendees, both new and experienced.



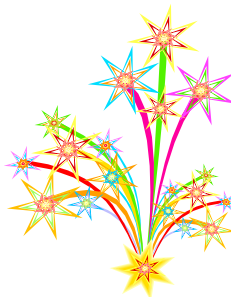
## \*SUMMER READING SPECIAL\*

Join us at CLP-Brookline this summer for "Fizz, Boom, READ," the 2014 children's summer reading program. Summer reading begins June 9. Sign up at the library or online, and win prizes just for reading books. No one is too old or too young for summer reading. Everyone from babies and toddlers, kids of all ages, teens, and adults to seniors can join. We welcome everyone to stop in the library to find out more information, including programs, games, prizes, and much more! Check our website for more information: [www.carnegieli.org](http://www.carnegieli.org).

Wednesdays at 3:00pm, recommended for ages 5 to 11. We will explore super science kits, do crafts, play games - something different every week!

### KIDS' CLUB

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Storytime: Toddler and Pre-schooler Tales: Mondays at 6:30pm and Thursdays at 11:00am, recommended for ages 18 months to 5 years. You can expect stories, songs, rhymes, and silly fun with our local children's librarian!

### Family Films Monday Movie Mania

Mondays at 1:00pm, for all ages. Enjoy the air-conditioning and a selection of G and PG rated films. Check with the librarian for the list of titles and dates.



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## Recovery And Our Neighborhood

*By hiding our recovery we have sustained the most harmful myth about addiction disease—that it is hopeless. And without the example of recovering people it is easy for the public to continue to think that victims of addiction disease are moral degenerates—that those who recover are the morally enlightened exceptions....We are the lucky ones, the ones who got well. And it is our responsibility to change the terms of the debate for the sake of those who still suffer.*

**Senator Harold Hughes**

When I think of recovery, recovery from drugs and alcohol, I think of friends of mine and some of my family members. My name is Nathan, and I'm an alcoholic... words of shame for some, but words of hope for others. Not just for the addicts, but for the family members who die a thousand emotional deaths in their desperate, unrelenting search for help for an addicted spouse, parent, sibling or child.

I am truly grateful that I never had to utter this well-known anthem of Alcoholics Anonymous except to make a point here today.

I am a resident of Brookline and a business owner on Brookline Boulevard. I know some of you might not share my perspective in what follows, but I want to start a conversation, one that focuses on people in recovery in our community.

In Brookline, Pittsburgh's third largest neighborhood, there are meetings held almost every day to assist in the recovery of addiction, from AA to NA, Al-Anon and SOS, each contributing to the diversity and vitality of recovery. Typically, these meetings are held in the basements of our Churches. But recovery doesn't start and stop at the forum of a meeting. Programs of supportive housing are also needed, also known as three-quarter housing or sober living homes. Some of these exist in Brookline. These homes are zoned as boarding homes, and they are traditionally run by members of the recovering community. They are owned privately outside of the state probationary program. And they are one of a very few programs offering support for these often marginalized community members.

Should the community at large be told when and where these houses exist? Some may think yes, but let me challenge that thought for a moment. Why is anonymity important for these recovery homes? What good does it do for us to know what goes behind the closed doors of these homes?

I understand that some of you might be concerned about public safety. Please know, if you see suspicious activity that warrants a police call, it is not only your duty but your responsibility to call the police. It is all of OUR responsibility to keep our community safe.

Most of these residents hold jobs and pay rent to live here. So, why inhibit an opportunity for normalcy for these people? Why deny them basic rights if their debt to society (if any) was already paid by the time they get to this stage of recovery?

Let me ask another question. Call it food for thought. I have been referring to one community as the "recovery community" and the other community as the "rest of us." Can we and should we do more to bridge these two communities? I think we can, but it starts with understanding and awareness; with consideration of the dignity and respect of all people. Whether your understanding of human dignity comes from scripture, or just knowing someone who is in recovery, I think we owe it to ourselves to consider those in recovery as part of our ONE community. I think we could be all pleasantly surprised to see how these folks can contribute to our community in a positive way; how they can become and remain productive, active participants in this great dynamic neighborhood, with people from all walks of life, with all ways about us.

*-Nathan Mallory*



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