



## BAMA'S SOUTHERN KITCHEN

**Bama's Southern Kitchen** opened May 1, 2014 at 600 Brookline Boulevard. Now entering its third month, **Bama's** seems to be on the right track. With many repeat customers and take-out orders, owners **Rob\*** and **Linda\*** are pleased with the community's outreach and support thus far. I sat down with Rob and his mother Linda to find out why Brookline, why Southern cuisine and what plans do they have for the future?

Rob also owns **Polo Barber Shop** further down the Boulevard, and has done so for the last three years. **Polo** filled a niche that was missing for friends and family of his in the south Pittsburgh neighborhoods. When Tisha's Diner closed, he saw yet another opportunity to fulfill a dream of his, a Southern style BBQ restaurant. He seized the

chance, spoke with other restaurant entrepreneurs and head chefs who have worked in the business, and hired on a few of his own. **Bama's** is a team; multi-tasking is at the forefront for everyone who works there. A small staff of five often runs the show. Whether it is hostessing, table service, register, prepping/cooking, or cleaning, everyone pitches in to make the restaurant succeed.

The decor of **Bama's** (short for Alabama) is a cool green hue with tasteful black and bronze accents. It is incredibly clean which says a lot about the pride in any establishment. Sit down table service is available as well as take out. Linda's passion starts with a good experience for the customer from the front door with a friendly demeanor. She wants the patrons to feel welcome, to feel at home and to be able to enjoy a meal out without having to prepare it themselves. If they have time, she's more than happy to chat, judging by the stellar online reviews of her customer service and sparkling personality.

The menu at **Bama's** is inspired by the family's love of BBQ and the difficulty in finding it in some areas of Pittsburgh. They serve pork and beef ribs, burgers, wings, sides of potato salad, greens, fresh cut fries, red beans & rice, sweet potato casserole, and more. Combos are always available for those who like to taste a little bit of everything. Most days they also have a special on the board. Today it was pulled pork on a pretzel roll. **Bama's** has three signature sauces, mild, mustard, and spicy. I had a chance to taste all three. I would describe the mild sauce with one word... sultry. It is not too smoky, nor too sweet, it is just right, and the consistency of all the sauces was wonderful. The mustard sauce is a play on a Carolina gold sauce, big on flavor and would complement just about anything. For the brave and mighty, we end with the spicy sauce. This one is well-balanced for those who like to pack a punch and aren't afraid to step out of the ordinary.

As for the future, the menu may change seasonally to suit the guests' tastes and what is readily available at the markets. They'd also like to explore catering more. They have done a handful of events so far with great success. Linda and Rob are true pioneers of passion. At **Bama's** the focus is on consistency, quality ingredients and food, impeccable customer service and a welcoming atmosphere. They want to welcome families from Brookline and beyond into their 'home,' 'make your dinner so you can take time off from life's busy pace, and enjoy what a taste of the south has to offer.

**Bama's Southern Kitchen** is at 600 Brookline Boulevard stop in and say hello to our new neighbors and don't be shy about making them part of your family!

*-Jen Anglin*



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*\* Used owners' first names only at their request.*



## Letter from the Editor

We came upon this definition from *Governing Magazine* on Facebook. "A racket is when folks have something they complain about and commiserate about but don't fix. Upon delving into the roots of a racket one finds that the folks don't really want it fixed—the subject of the racket is a unifying force that if corrected will remove the common complaint and thus the unifying force. The cultural changes that would ensue from the change in practices that 'no one wants' are not acceptable to [the complainers.]"

That's what we have in Brookline—a "racket." Residents who do nothing but complain. Unfortunately, some of the complainers make it on local television. Recently, after a stabbing incident on the Boulevard we saw an interview with a resident who said that "they had to get rid of these nuisance bars." What nuisance bars? Did you know that the bars on the Boulevard were recently checked out? This means their licenses, building violations and police calls were reviewed. All of the Brookline bars passed. Just because a local watering hole doesn't appeal to you doesn't make it a nuisance bar! Yes, there is the occasional call for a fight at one of the bars, but nothing rising to the level that would call for closing a bar. It's not a surprise that the resident who was interviewed doesn't show up at any of the local community meetings or participate in events to improve the community.

The "racket" has to stop. Brookline is changing. Life is about change. Remember the quote from W. Edwards Deming? "It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory." If we want Brookline to survive, it will have to change. Younger people are moving in, buying homes and raising families. They want a Boulevard that is vibrant, but they don't want or need the same businesses that their parents wanted. Our parents' idea of a coffee shop was a place that served coffee, regular and decaf - not specialty coffee drinks complete with a dome of whipped cream. Our parents didn't need a phone store, they called Ma Bell and the man came with the phone and installed it.

If you currently belong to a "racket," we encourage you to resign immediately and join one of the community groups. SPDC now has a group guided by **Megan Zirkel** to maintain the Boulevard landscape and pick up the litter and cigarette butts. **Brookline Unveiled** is looking for volunteers for next month's grand celebration.

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## ALBERT BRUCKMAN

After over 30 plus years, **Albert Bruckman** has retired from **Meals on Wheels**. He has been volunteering with the program since 1980 when he became the buyer.

"Reverend Ed Naumann was the pastor at **St. Mark's** at the time. He announced one Sunday that they needed help with **Meals on Wheels**. Well, when he asked a second Sunday, I thought I would volunteer. The pay was one cup of coffee. They tried to convince me to stay by offering me a second cup."

Over the years, Al has helped wherever there was a need, including deliveries. Usually a driver has a helper who delivers the meals to the door, but Al didn't have a helper on his route. He had Route 2 which included Donaldson Drive behind the Dollar Store on Sussex Avenue. A big route is 14 to 15 deliveries, but there are always at least eight. Without a helper Al had to park and deliver each meal himself. Last winter was rough between the condition of the roads and finding a place to park and then delivering the meal to the door.

"**Meals on Wheels** is more than just delivering food. We check on people. They look forward to seeing us. We might be the only person they see. After delivering, some of us would go back to visit or help in some other way. I remember taking one man for a haircut."

Then there was the day he looked through a glass panel beside the door when his ring went unanswered. He saw a man laying on the floor. He broke the glass to get in, called 911 and got help for the man. As the saying goes, no good deed goes unpunished. The man billed **Meals on Wheels** \$53 to replace the glass panel.

Now he spends his mornings with a group of World War II veterans who meet at McDonald's and call themselves the "cemetery club." Afterwards Al visits his wife at Kane Hospital. A visit to his wife turns into a volunteer stint as he wheels patients around and helps at lunch. Sometimes just talking to people is enough. Once a volunteer, always a volunteer seems to be Al's motto. If you see Al, wish him a Happy Birthday! On September 7, he will be 92! Brookline could use another dozen or so **Al Bruckman's**. We know **Meals on Wheels** could use some.

-Pamela Grabowski

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My name is **Joseph Rogers**, and I am a lifelong resident of Brookline as well as an employee at **Mateo's Pasta and Pa-nino**, the original Italian pasta house on Brookline Boulevard. Each month on my way to work, I pick up a copy of **The Brookline**, and my reaction is often one of dismay.

**Mateo's** hasn't gotten a spotlight in the "Letter from the Editor" section since March 2012, and hasn't been mentioned since February 2013. Other businesses on Brookline Boulevard have received multiple mentions, and in some cases photographs. **Mateo's** is a successful restaurant that serves authentic Italian cuisine. Our customers must enjoy our product, as our dining room is packed and our kitchen is bustling every weekend.

**Mateo's**, as well as other Boulevard merchants, should be treated with equality and fairness and receive a mention in this paper every now and then. **The Brookline's** writers have written consistently each month how residents should support local businesses. **The Brookline** should lead by example and support local businesses themselves.

**Mateo's** is open Tuesday through Thursday, 12:00pm-9:00pm, and Friday through Saturday, 3:00pm-9:00pm. To make a reservation, call 412-561-1814.

**Mateo's** has also been recognized by publications outside of the community, including *Pittsburgh Quarterly*, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, and most recently *Table*. Customers from all over the city have travelled to Brookline to have dinner with us because of what they read.

-*Joseph Samuel Rogers*

[*Editor: We are pleased to announce that Mr. Rogers accepted our offer to write a monthly column on the businesses that we have featured in the past, but have not been able to revisit. He starts this month with Mateo's on page 17. His feature will appear on the back page unless we have an event conflict.*]

## SAVE THE DATE

As you can see the construction is finally finished. Let's work on keeping our community and business district a beautiful place to walk, drive and be proud of.

**Keep the date:** Plans are in progress for Brookline Unveiled, Friday, September 5 from 6:00PM till 10:00PM and Saturday, September 6 from 10:00AM till 4:00PM. Let's spread the word, celebrate and introduce our newly remodeled and pleasantly landscaped Brookline Boulevard.

-*Lois McCafferty*



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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

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## Zumba

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Are you unable to volunteer your time right now? You can still help many of these organizations. **Meals on Wheels** accepts cash and donations of cookies, desserts and bread. Add a grocery store gift card to your shopping cart and send it to the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry, c/o Pat Erny, 2918 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226-2038. 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

In early July, I introduced legislation that would regulate ride-share services, like Lyft and Uber, in Pennsylvania. I feel that my Senate Bill 1457 not only addresses concerns that have been raised by critics regarding these types of companies but also provides a permanent solution for the ride-sharing programs that will fill gaps in the region's transportation network.

Ride-sharing companies use a software platform that enables riders to connect with drivers using Smartphone technology. The driver and rider connect through an app and after a ride is complete, a donation-based payment is offered by credit card through the same app: A concept that will revolutionize transportation for years to come.

SB 1457 includes provisions that promote safety and security for riders. In particular, transportation network companies (TNC) must:

- Obtain a license from the PUC to operate in the Commonwealth;
- Maintain detailed records;
- Establish driver-training programs;
- Enforce a zero-tolerance policy on drug and alcohol use and the crafting of a complaint reporting system;
- Implement a background check system and develop specific driver guidelines that deal with past criminal, moving violation or driving under the influence history; and
- Make sure all ride-sharing vehicles undergo annual certificates of inspections approved by PennDOT as well as an annual safety inspection conducted by the TNC or an approved third party, among other responsibilities.

In addition, my measure requires vehicles used for ride-sharing be no more than 8 model years old, drivers to have an updated photo in plain view and the driver would not be permitted to pick up passengers who "hail" the vehicle while in use. A ride-share driver would prove motor vehicle insurance while at the same time a TNC must also maintain specific levels of insurance for liability, medical payments, comprehensive, collision and uninsured/underinsured coverage.

Over the past several weeks, I have been working closely with the PUC and other stakeholders to address any concerns so that ride-sharing can be properly regulated in Pennsylvania to meet all demands. Furthermore, I have modeled my legislation after California's, since they were the nation's first state to successfully regulate ride-sharing.

More recently, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) administrative law judges ruled that the ride-sharing companies were operating outside the law and issued cease-and-desist orders to prevent the companies from offering their services. The law requires transportation companies that provide rides to have licenses issued by the commission.

Due to this recent ruling, I believe a multi-faceted approach is needed that includes a short-term relief with a long-term solution. While SB 1457 makes its way through the legislative process, I believe the PUC should act expeditiously and issue experimental permits so ride-sharing can operate now. For this reason, I have also introduced Senate Resolution 427 to address the matter by asking the PUC to act immediately and approve the permit application.

SB 1457 will likely be referred to the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee and I urge the committee to schedule the bill for action in September when the Senate reconvenes. After all, this alternative and modern fee-based transportation option has been beneficial to many citizens in our region and will only enhance and improve Allegheny County's transportation network system.

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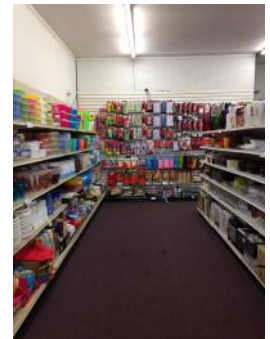
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The Breeze this year will be held on Saturday, August 9, and it's not too late to sign up! The race includes a 5k Race, a 1 Mile Fun Run and of course our Doggie Run. For more information call Clint at the Brookline Recreation Center. 412-571-3222.



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It is hard to believe that August is here! Things are falling into place for the school year. **Brookline Regional Catholic School** has been restructured as **St. John Bosco Academy**. In addition to the current sponsoring parishes in the Brookline neighborhood of **St. Pius X, Our Lady of Loreto and Resurrection**, five parishes will join the restructured school. Those parishes are St. Catherine of Siena and St. Pamphilus in Beechview, St. Mary of the Mount in Mount Washington, Prince of Peace in the Southside and St. John Vianney in the city's Hilltop neighborhood. **St. John Bosco Academy** is the sole Catholic grade school south of the Monongahela River within the city of Pittsburgh. The consortium model is part of the Diocese of Pittsburgh's continuing effort to ensure that Catholic education remains strong and vibrant.

The summer has been very busy. The classrooms are being painted, new tables are being installed in the Science room and a local Boy Scout has completed his Eagle project making classrooms safer for students and staff. Our emphasis on service has not gone on summer vacation. As a sub-sponsor for the **Brookline Breeze**, students, families and friends will help pack registration bags, man water stations and volunteer on Race day to help make the 5K event a success.

As the Catholic School serving Brookline, Beechview, Mt. Washington, Mt. Oliver, and the Southside, **St. John Bosco Academy** continues the tradition of Catholic education for residents of the City of Pittsburgh. We are also pleased to be one of the 17 schools identified as a partner school for the Crossroads Foundation. The Foundation helps provide access to Catholic education by providing qualifying students with "holistic scholarships" that include mentoring and tuition assistance among other programs.

**St. John Bosco Academy** has a strong foundation for success. Our students are excelling and everyday we're making a difference in our community and in the world. We continue to emphasize academic excellence, faith development, extra-curricular activities and service to others--qualities that were always recognized as hallmarks of **St. John Bosco Academy's** "grandschools"- throughout the neighborhoods of South Pittsburgh.

We remain a community of service whose parents and students are committed to showing compassion, justice, and generosity to others while they are encouraged to reach their highest academic potential.

"Back to School Night" is scheduled for August 20 at 7:00PM. Please continue to look for articles highlighting our students, teachers and programs. Feel free to stop in to visit. God bless you and keep you safe during your summer travels and activities. See you at the Breeze!!

-Janet Salley Rokoczy, Principal

### CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF BROOKLINE AUGUST BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Wednesday, August 13 at 1:00PM *Under the Tuscan Sun* by Frances Mayes

Monday, August 18 at 6:00PM *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert

#### Carnegie Library Book Buzz

Thursday, August 28 at 6:00PM *I Wear the Black Hat: Grappling with Villians* by Chuck Klosterman

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THIS MONTH

### August 4 Monday

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

### August 12 Tuesday

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

## 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 - 9:00 PM. Prepare 32 bars of a ballad from a musical. Audition sides and accompa-

nist will be provided. Please bring sheet music. Appointments are highly recommended but walk-ins will be welcomed, subject to availability. Seeking male and female non-Equity performers ages late teens to early 70's. Please email [heritageplayersauditions@gmail.com](mailto:heritageplayersauditions@gmail.com) for an audition. Performances run October 17-19 and 24-26 at the **Seton Center**. For more information visit [www.bphp.org](http://www.bphp.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 through the website or \$10.00 at the door. Doors open one half hour before curtain. For more information visit [www.bphp.org](http://www.bphp.org) or phone 412-254-4633.

The Heritage Players will be offering acting classes for all age groups in the fall! Please visit [www.bphp.org](http://www.bphp.org) for upcoming details.

-Nuela Zalak

## FREE FLEA MARKET/CRAFT SHOW

At Brookline Park Parking Lot  
**SATURDAY AUGUST 2**

8:00AM to 2:00pm



Bring your own table. Pre-register at the Rec Center.

Each site is free.

Please NO food vendors.



## COMCAST MOVIES IN THE PARK

Full-length feature movies will be shown on the lawn at Brookline Park on Thursday evenings. Runs through August. Movies start at dusk. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy a free evening under the stars.

**August 7:** *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (G)

**August 14:** *The Smurfs 2* (PG)

**August 21:** *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2* (PG)

**August 28:** *Planes* (PG)



## OPEN MIKE NIGHT

**First Wednesday in August**  
**Pavilion in the Park**

**Brookline Memorial Park**

Come join the fun, sing a song or read a poem or just enjoy the evening.

**Wednesdays Starts at 6:00PM**

## OASIS INTERGENERATIONAL TUTORING

An Hour A Week Can Change A Child's Life. Become an OASIS tutor. OASIS places tutors in the Pittsburgh and Woodland Hills School Districts; grades kindergarten through fourth. Help a child in your neighborhood learn to read! No teaching experience is necessary. Free training will be given to mature adults 50 and over. All materials, books and supplies are provided by OASIS. Ongoing education is offered at no charge.

Training sessions will take place at Macy's downtown store on August 20, 2014 and August 27, 2014 from 10:30 to 3:30.

For more information on how to become a tutor call John D. Spehar, M.Ed, Pittsburgh OASIS Tutoring Coordinator at 412-232-2021.

OASIS works in partnership with Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council.



## YOGA IN THE PARK!

**SATURDAYS 10:00AM TO 11:00AM**  
**BROOKLINE MEMORIAL PARK**

## BROOKLINE WALL

Brookline Area Community Council has been receiving requests for an update of the **Brookline Wall**. We have been presented with many different ideas and would like to hear what everyone has to say. Join us on September 29 at 7:00pm at **St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church** (Corner of Glenarm Avenue and Brookline Boulevard) for a roundtable discussion of what is needed and wanted. Please check out the wall. "What do you want to see there?"

-Annette Ferrieri



## SUNDAY TRASH WALK/TRASH TALK

Join us on Sunday to clean the Boulevard. We usually arrive at Cannon Coffee around 2:00PM, but don't wait for us. Bring your own bags, gloves and pickers. If no one shows, pick up on your own.



Remember safety first!

- Make sure you wear gloves.
  - Don't lose sight of your hand. That means don't reach into bushes. You don't know what's there.
- Keep in touch with us. Give us your weekly bag count. We will be waiting to hear which block you are adopting, so email us at [mnp.grabowski@verizon.net](mailto:mnp.grabowski@verizon.net) and put Adopt-A-Block in the subject line, call us at 412-343-2859 or write to us at **The Brookline**, P.O. Box 96136, Pittsburgh, PA 15226.

### ADOPTED BLOCKS

**Bellaire Ave. bet. Whited & Edgebrook - Jennifer Grab**

**Gallion Ave. - Lisa Wilson**

**Brookline Blvd. bet. Merrick & Starkamp - Patty & Dan Kaczmariski**

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

**Norwich Ave. - Michael & Pamela Grabowski**

**600 Woodbourne Ave. Wayne Grassel**

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

**Mary Anne: 6/1 - Quarter bag of trash**

**Diane: 6/9—Picked up a full kitchen garbage bag of trash, one small bag of recyclables & 21 cents,**

**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**

**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**

**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. fr. Southcrest Dr. to Cadet Ave - Marie & Becky Vater**

**Fortuna & Cadet - Dom Maggs**

**1800-1900 Pioneer Ave. - Dennis & Valarie Rew Family**

**Roswin Drive - Carol, Oliver & Silas Ingold**

**Milan bet. Witt & Bellaire Pl. - Christian Jester & Joseph**



**What can I do?** "It's easy to get caught up in our personal lives and forget that we have an obligation to be responsible members of our communities. For some of us, expressing this responsibility is so interwoven into our personal lives that it is simply a natural extension of who we are. Others may need to take a moment to consider how to be more responsible for the communities in which we live. For those of us who live in large cities, we can start with our neighborhoods. Anything we do on a small level will automatically ripple out into the larger system."

-Daily Om, July 8, 2014



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**Adult Karate: 7:15 - 8:30PM Tuesday and Thursday**

**Kickboxing-Exercise Class: 7:15 - 8:15PM Monday and Wednesday**



## COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

Pittsburgh City Council voted to approve the Act 47 Recovery Coordinators' 5-year plan to lead our City to financial recovery. Read on to learn more about Act 47 and what this plan means for our City.

### **What is Act 47?**

**Act 47:** In 2004, after decades of declining population and declining tax revenue, the City of Pittsburgh was designated "distressed", a term defined by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's "Financially Distressed Municipalities Act" of 1987 (also known as "Act 47").

**ICA:** State legislators also passed Act 11, which added another layer of financial oversight from the state, called the [Pittsburgh Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority](#) (PICA).

**Act 47 Plan:** Every five years, the state-appointed Act 47 Coordinators have worked with City officials to craft a plan for Pittsburgh's financial renewal.

### **Why are we still considered "distressed"?**

Thanks to the implementation of many of the recommendations from previous plans, the City is no longer in crisis mode, but we still have a lot of work to do. If we do nothing,

- there will be a real structural deficit from 2015-2019
- expenditures will outpace revenues and pension costs will continue to grow
- our reserve fund will be depleted and we will have no capital budget by 2018
- our need to fix roads, bridges and buildings will continue to exceed our ability to do so.

Currently, the two most important factors that impact our city finances are:

- 1) the 2013 millage rate adjustment which has caused a significant loss of property tax revenue, and
- 2) [actions by our pension board in 2013](#), which now require a higher annual contribution of taxpayer dollars to the pension fund.



### **What does the Act 47 Plan mean for our City?**

**The Act 47 5-year Amended Plan passed by Council is just that -- a plan.**

The document provides a menu of options for the City to manage continued debt, pension obligations, and cash flow, with a particular focus on restoring real estate tax revenue lost in 2013, and investing in overdue maintenance on buildings, roads, and bridges.

**Here are just a few of the recommendations included in the plan:**

- Prioritizing infrastructure needs, and spending \$25 million per year from 2015-2019 on reconstructing crumbling roads, bridges, and buildings
- Seeking higher annual contributions from the largest tax exempt non-profits, which rely on our bridges and roads
- Freezing and moderating wage growth of City employees
- Reducing the City's non-salary operating costs by 5% per year, across the board
- Building our City's tax base by supporting Urban Redevelopment Authority projects

[You can view the entire Act 47 plan and recommendations here.](#)  

### **What does the Act 47 Plan mean for you?**

[Starting in 2015, you will see better roads, bridges, and public buildings.](#)

Why? Act 47 analysis shows that more than half our city roads are failing, 24 of our bridges are structurally deficient, and our public buildings, from recreation centers to police stations, are falling apart. They recommend an infusion of \$120 million of bond capital in our city infrastructure.

But, annual property tax revenues in our city are the lowest point they have been since 2004, leaving a gap in our operating budget. This leaves a lot of questions and we need your help. [Our office put together this more in-depth graphic to explain our property tax problem.](#)

We look forward to hearing from you.

### **What happens next?**

**Passing this plan only means we have work to do; the real deadline is the end of the year when the budget has to be passed.** This plan will guide the work required of the Mayor and Council over the next six months to ensure that the City's 2015 Capital and Operating budgets deliver the service, amenities, and infrastructure City residents deserve. I look forward to working through the plan with Mayor Peduto and my colleagues on Council, choosing the best options for better management and increased revenue to ensure that the City proactively invests in our infrastructure, and also continues to provide and improve services to residents of the City of Pittsburgh.





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## REPRESENTATIVE ERIN MOLCHANY

The State Budget wasn't passed on time this year. After three years of budget cuts to education and programs our neighbors need, Governor Corbett had difficulty finding the revenue that is needed to keep Pennsylvania running. He refused to tax Marcellus Shale drilling at the same rate of surrounding states. He rejected an expansion of Medicaid that would have brought over \$200 million to the state, and kept open corporate tax loop holes that results in the loss of millions more for every Pennsylvanian.

The result of this budget could be grim for our communities. School districts may have to increase local taxes to make up for state funding cuts, and the underfunding in vital human services programs will mean some people will have to go without. I know the importance of these issues to you and remain available to help you with any questions and concerns. I am here to help.

It wasn't all bad news out of Harrisburg last month. I introduced a resolution urging the Public Utility Commission to permit the ridesharing services Lyft and Uber to operate in the city of Pittsburgh. I have received over 500 letters from people concerned about losing this innovative transportation alternative. I believe that in order to remain a competitive, and, most importantly, safe city we must adapt to new technologies that allow consumers more transportation options that fit their needs. I commend **Senator Wayne Fontana** and **Mayor Bill Peduto** on their leadership on this issue.

Some more good news related to transportation is how much road construction has been happening in the South Hills. Although driving delays are often bothersome, the paving of roads and repairing of bridges are an incredible investment to our communities. I was proud to vote for the transportation funding bill known as Act 89, which is bringing jobs to our region, spiking interest in economic development, and saving motorists' dollars on wear and tear. Investments like these have huge positive impacts on communities and improve everyone's quality of life.

Finally, just a reminder that the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program deadline has been extended until December 31, 2014. Feel free to call us at (412) 3436-2094 to find out how we can help you, and stop in at 900 Brookline Boulevard anytime from 8:30-5:00 Monday-Thursday and 8:30-3:00 on Friday!

## OLD NOTES BY OLD PEOPLE

I turned 50 last month. There, I said it out loud. Despite the fact that I now need tri-focal lenses, my joints hurt more than they did a few years ago, and AARP keeps sending me membership cards, I don't feel 50. In my mind, I am stuck somewhere between 25 and 40.

And, people say the funniest things. Recently, while at a conference for work, a woman approached me and wanted to know if I was engaged. "In what?" I asked.

"I heard you were engaged to be married," she said. The misguided soul was under the impression that I was in my mid 30's. I told her that I was sure my wife of almost 28 years might find that news shocking and alarming and assured her I was not engaged. She marveled at the fact that I had been married that long, and that my oldest child, who is 25, is getting married this fall.

Maybe I'm stuck in my younger years because the things around me seem to look and feel the same to me. Walking into **Resurrection Church** for a wedding brought back many memories of younger years. Aside from some paint work and some sprucing up here and there, the place looked the same. I had the same feeling driving down Brookline Boulevard. The stores have changed over the years and I still had to dodge the cars backing out into traffic, but it looked the same. How old is **The Cannon**? Still looks the same to me.

I frequently visit the site [brooklineconnection.com](http://brooklineconnection.com). While nosing around the website, I saw a picture that was taken in 1954 of a parade marching up Brookline Boulevard. In the picture was a troop of cub scouts. If I didn't see the trolley tracks or cars parked near Flatbush Avenue, I could imagine that the picture was fairly recent.

Brookline may be 260 years old, but she looks fantastic. Many storefronts have come and gone, and many sons and daughters have been married off. However, she is still in her prime and not yet ready for her AARP Card!

*-Cliff Gorski*



## REPRESENTATIVE DAN MILLER

This past March, my office hosted a Children and Youth Disability and Mental Health Summit that brought together service providers, schools, and government agencies to offer resources and programming on issues ranging from early intervention and school transition, to independent living and employment. I benefited personally from hearing first hand from individuals with disabilities and their loved ones about the challenges imbedded in the system and what needs to be done in order to increase independence and opportunity for all. I have found several colleagues on both sides of the aisle who likewise want to prioritize these concerns. Below is a synopsis of what we have worked on:

- 1) House Bill 2267 (30 co-sponsors) - In May, I introduced this bill which would create a statewide mental health bed registry. This registry would connect doctors and providers from across our commonwealth with real-time resources to help find needed inpatient care.
- 2) House Resolution 697 (29 co-sponsors) - This measure urges Congress to pass U.S. Sen. Bob Casey's Achieving A Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act. The ABLE Act would allow families to create tax-advantaged savings accounts for individuals with disabilities.
- 3) House Bill 2405 (18 co-sponsors) - Introduced jointly with Rep. Tom Murt (R- Montgomery and Philadelphia County), this legislation would help people with disabilities become taxpayers. It designates the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) as the lead agency responsible for developing connections between local education agencies and private employers necessary to the successful transition at graduation of high school students with disabilities to competitive employment.
- 4) House Resolution 948 (14 co-sponsors) - Introduced jointly with Rep. Tom Murt, this resolution directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study current programs for adults with autism spectrum disorders and compare that to projected growth rates to help us plan for necessary supports in the areas of housing, employment, transportation, financial management, and healthcare.

You can find much more about these bills on my website or social media pages. If you have additional questions about these bills or thoughts about other areas of need, please do not hesitate to contact my office.



**WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN  
CROSSING THE STREET!  
STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES!**

# AUGUST AT CLP BROOKLINE

Brookline History Buffs will meet on Monday, August 4 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Join us as we put our creative minds together in a collaborative Oral History project for all of Brookline residents.



Painting by *Dino Guarino*

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. August dates are 6, 20 & 27. August 13 is cancelled



Movie SHOWdown will meet on Tuesday, August 12 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. August will focus on the movies "The Manchurian Candidate" (1962 version vs 2004 version)



Crochet and Knitting Fun! will meet on alternating Saturdays in the month of August. The meetings are August 9 and August 23 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. This group is open to all interested attendees, both new and experienced.



### \*SUMMER READING SPECIAL\*

Summer Reading for all ages will be ending on Saturday, August 9. Be sure to stop by the library to get all of your entries recorded, prizes picked up, and check out the last of our summer program specials!

Wednesday August 6 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 will be brought back for the fall session in September.



**KIDS' CLUB**

**WACKY WEDNESDAYS**



Storytime: Toddler and Preschooler Tales: Monday, August 4 at 6:30pm and Thursday, August 7 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! Storytime will be brought back for the fall session in September.



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The annual National Night Out event at CLP-Brookline will be Tuesday, August 5 to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Expect lots of cool activities and crafts - for all ages!

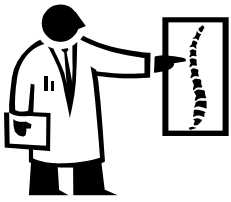
### Family Films Monday Movie Mania

Monday, August 4 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. Monday Movies will be ending this year and come back in the summer of 2015



**Summer Reading Finale for All Ages:** Monday, August 11 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Expect something for all ages to celebrate the end to a great summer of reading!

**CLP-BROOKLINE**  
**708 Brookline Boulevard**  
**412-561-1003**



# CHOOSE THE CORRECT BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK



Backpacks have become the convenient way to carry school books and school supplies for first graders to post graduate students. Backpacks have also been the prime source for back, shoulder, and neck pain due to improper fitting and carrying overweight packs. The American Chiropractic Association estimated that 75% to 80% of teenage patients with postural problems are directly related to improper fitting and overloaded backpacks.

How do you choose the correct backpack for your child?

- 1) The backpack should have two wide, padded, and adjustable straps (2 inches wide). A padded back where the backpack makes contact with the curve of the child's spine is preferred.
- 2) A waist belt will help to distribute weight evenly.
- 3) Multiple compartments of various sizes help distribute weight within the pack.
- 4) Backpacks should not be longer than the child's torso. The fit should be 2 inches above the waist and just below the base of the skull. A backpack which is too large has a tendency to be overloaded.
- 5) Choose material which is light but strong such as nylon or canvas. Avoid heavy material such as leather.

How do you correctly wear and pack the backpack?

- 1) The straps should be snug against your child's back. Always use both straps over the shoulders to avoid the child from leaning to one side and becoming prone to back, neck, and shoulder problems.
- 2) Pack the heaviest items first and closest to the child's back. Use the compartments to avoid weight shifting while walking.
- 3) Keep it light by only packing necessary books and supplies. Have your child store extra items in the locker or desk.

The maximum carrying weight for a child is 10% to 20% of the child's weight. I recommend a maximum of 15%. Using 15% as the maximum weight limit a child weighing 60 pounds would carry no more than 9 pounds. Weigh the backpack on the bathroom scale to be within safe parameters.

What are the warning signs of improper backpack fit and excess weight?

- 1) The child complains of back, neck, shoulder, or knee pain.
- 2) Red marks on the shoulders from the backpack straps.
- 3) Tingling in the arms.
- 4) Difficulty putting on or removing the backpack.
- 5) Bending forward or "hunching over" to shift the weight from the shoulders to the back.

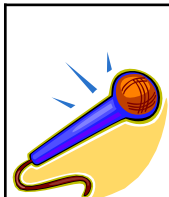
When adjusted correctly and following the guidelines of weight and distribution the backpack should not cause pain or discomfort under normal circumstances.

Recent studies found that more than half of the students ages 9 to 20 experience chronic back pain related to backpacks. If your child complains of back pain, shoulder pain, back stiffness, neck pain, or tingling in the arms consult your chiropractor immediately! A noticeable change in a child's posture is a warning of incorrect spinal alignment and an indication to consult your chiropractor.

-Dr. Guy M. Resenthaler, Chiropractor  
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# News from Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8



The administration and staff at **Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8** are getting ready for a great school year! We are thrilled to have **Mr. John Vater** and **Mr. Matthew May** returning as our principal and assistant principal. They have worked hard this summer planning for the coming year. They continue to put emphasis on the quality of academic, social, and emotional programs, and have demonstrated that our students are learning well.

Here are some important dates to remember:

- ⇒ August 21 Welcome Back to School Night 5:00PM – 7:00PM
- ⇒ August 25 First day of school for grades 1 – 8
- ⇒ August 28 First day of Kindergarten

There are lots of opportunities for parent and family involvement at **Brookline PreK-8**. The first meeting of the Parent School

Community Council will be held September 9, 2014. Our Title 1 data will be reviewed. If you are interested in attending, please watch for a flier announcing the time. It will be sent home with students at the beginning of the year. The PSCC will meet on the second Tuesday of every month throughout the year.

We also have a very active Parent Teacher Association. This group welcomes volunteers for its many exciting activities. Volunteers must have certain clearances to participate. More information will be sent home at the beginning of September. You can also contact **Stacy Rush**, PTA President at [brooklinepta@gmail.com](mailto:brooklinepta@gmail.com).

It's not too late to enroll your child for kindergarten! Please call the school at 412/571-7380 if you have any questions about what is needed to do so.

We look forward to seeing you at our wonderful school! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

-Amy Cornelius Dembosky  
Parent Volunteer

## IS A NEW SOCIAL SECURITY CARD IN YOUR CARDS?

To help combat the rising threat of fraud and identity theft, Social Security will no longer issue Social Security number printouts beginning in August 2014. If you need written confirmation of your Social Security number—perhaps your new employer needs verification—and you can't find your Social Security card, you can apply for a replacement.

But do you really need a replacement? In most cases, you don't need your card as long as you know your number. For all intents and purposes, your number *is* your card. Usually providing your number and identifying information is enough.

In the event you really do want or need a replacement card, either for yourself or for a child, you can find all of the details you need at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber). The "Social Security Number and Card" page provides information on how to obtain a replacement card and what specific documents you need to provide.

Need a Social Security card for your new baby to claim him or her as a dependent on your tax return or to apply for government or social service benefits? In most cases, an application for your newborn's Social Security card and number is taken in the hospital when you apply for your baby's birth certificate. If not, you can request one for your child the same way you do for yourself.

Whether you need a Social Security card for yourself or your child, it's easy—and free—to apply for one. But consider whether a new Social Security card is really in the cards for you. It may be that your "card" is already with you—in your head.

While you're at our website, open your free *my Social Security* account at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount). It can help you plan for retirement, check your earnings history, request your *Social Security Statement*, and more.

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-Patricia Thibault  
Social Security District Manager



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# HOT TOPIXS: MATEO'S CUCINA ITALIANA

## WHERE FAMILY MATTERS



**Lisa and Frank Gualtieri** making their signature sauce.

Seven years ago, **Mateo's Pasta and Panino** opened its doors in a small location on Brookline Boulevard next to the **Brookline Pub**, where **Cricket** is today. The restaurant then had only two tables and a small menu primarily designed for takeout. After three successful years, Mateo's outgrew its small space, and owners **Lisa and Frank Gualtieri**, lifelong residents of Brookline, moved to a larger location at 718 Brookline Boulevard, where they still call home. The **Mateo's** family grew once again in early 2013 when I joined Lisa and Frank, my longtime neighbors and lifelong friends, as a weekend waiter.

**Mateo's** has undergone many exciting changes since our front page appearance in **The Brookline** in 2008, most notably our name change to **Mateo's Cucina Italiana**. Today, **Mateo's** boasts a full functioning kitchen and dining room, complete with a menu loaded with delicious and authentic Italian cuisine. Patrons can expect to be immersed into the culture of Calabria, where Frank is from, by listening to Italian music and tasting homemade recipes that have been passed down for generations, ranging from lasagna, spaghetti carbonara, eggplant parmesan, zucchini pancakes, and pasta figiola, among many others. Lisa and Frank also prepare rotating dinner and dessert specials each evening.

Open Tuesday through Thursday from 12:00PM – 9:00PM and Friday through Saturday from 3:00PM – 9:00PM, **Mateo's** is bound to satisfy your appetite. Whether it is a romantic dinner for two or a party of twenty, no task is too difficult for our kitchen to handle. As the original pasta house on Brookline Boulevard, **Mateo's** has been recognized by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *Pittsburgh Quarterly*, *Pittsburgh City Paper*, and *Table* for its high quality dining experi-

ence. Family matters at **Mateo's**, from the staff to its recipes. We hope that you will become part of our family and enjoy dinner at Brookline's original pasta house. We are proud to call Brookline home.

To read our menu online, visit our website, [www.tastemateos.com](http://www.tastemateos.com)

**Mateo's** is located at 718 Brookline Boulevard. To make a reservation, call 412-561-1814

Hours of operation: Tuesday-Thursday, 12:00pm – 9:00PM and Friday-Saturday, 3:00PM – 9:00PM


Sundays are reserved for private parties

**Mateo's** is just one reason why it's mighty fine to dine in Brookline!

*-Joseph Samuel Rogers*

At right: Frank and **Joseph Rogers** take a break after a busy Friday evening.





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# BROOKLINE UNVEILED

Nostalgia is a powerful thing. Even as a twenty something, I can truly appreciate the grip that a fleeting moment of familiarity can bestow. This is especially true when it comes to reflecting on my childhood in Brookline and the influence it had on the decision to buy a house here, and, in the future, raise a family. Whether it's walking down Brookline Boulevard and wishing it was still possible to get 25 cents worth of candy at Bickerton's, passing by "the Center" and thinking fondly of the metal slide that used to burn your skin on hot summer days, or going onto the popular and colorful Facebook page "Growing up Brookline" to reminisce about summers spent at Brookline pool, the memories are constantly flowing and it's easy to get stuck in what "Brookline was." (But seriously, who has the concrete hippo from the Brookline kiddie pool? I want it.) But now, as the final phases of the Boulevard reconstruction wrap up, this is the perfect opportunity to look forward and celebrate what Brookline *is* and the endless possibilities we should look forward to achieving.

While new sidewalks, improved infrastructure, and lack of potholes are certainly worth celebrating, the reconstruction is symbolic of a fresh start in Brookline. We have always been a community filled with helpful neighbors and hard workers but we are going to need them more than ever as we work hard to preserve the long awaited boulevard enhancements. It takes a village, folks. It takes *all of us*.

What better way to rally the troops, to reignite the sense of community service, and reintroduce the City of Pittsburgh to our dynamic community than a neighborhood celebration? Plus, who wants to eat delicious food, listen to great music, and basically brag about Brookline's businesses?

The **South Pittsburgh Development Corporation (SPDC)**, The **Brookline Chamber of Commerce**, and the **Brookline Area Community Council** invite you to the formal unveiling of the Boulevard's makeover at **Brookline Unveiled**. The two day event will be held **Friday, September 5 & Saturday, September 6** to showcase the reconstruction of Brookline Boulevard while also highlighting local businesses, restaurants, artists, community groups, and Brookline's unique history. The celebration will be a mix of adult-oriented events and family friendly entertainment and activities in an effort to cater to varying interests and ages.

On **Friday, September 5** you can expect a night of music and entertainment to welcome the whole city back to the re-done Boulevard. We're partnering with **Wild Kindness Records** to bring popular Pittsburgh music acts to bars on Brookline Boulevard, so be sure and check the schedule on [www.facebook.com/BrooklineUnveiled](http://www.facebook.com/BrooklineUnveiled). **Cannon Coffee** will be hosting a Best of Open Mic event showing off a lot of acts that you've probably heard bits of, so make sure and come out and see all of the bands kicking off the event!

On **Saturday, September 6, 10:00am-4:00pm**: we hope you join the festivities as the event provides live music, local vendors and artists, food trucks, face painting, the City of Pittsburgh's Roving Art Cart, and an opportunity to learn about the different community groups working to strengthen Brookline. The celebration will shut down Brookline Boulevard between Glenarm Avenue & Stebbins Street and will encourage attendees to check out their favorite local businesses along the main business district throughout the day. If you are interested in having a table at this event (space is limited!), looking to volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact the **Brookline Unveiled** committee at [2014brooklineunveiled@gmail.com](mailto:2014brooklineunveiled@gmail.com).

LET'S GET FIRED UP. Let's celebrate Brookline!

-Megan Zirkel



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## Welcome Back!!

The roads are open to a smooth ride.

The Brookline Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank all residents, customers and clients for your continued support to Brookline Business during our facelift. Your patience through the construction period was greatly appreciated. Now it's time to step up to the plate and look, shop and enjoy our new facelift. Bring your family, friends and better half and stroll down Brookline Boulevard.