

SMOQ PITT

by Dan Kaczmariski

Just listening to owner Mitch Liebovich describe how a meal makes its way to table at the SMOQ PITT restaurant on Brookline Boulevard gets your mouth watering.

It all begins on a farm in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania - Amish country - with grass-fed livestock raised free of growth hormones. The USDA Choice meat is shipped fresh to SMOQ PITT, where it's trimmed and rubbed with the restaurant's homemade spice blend, then smoked on-site over oak, apple, hickory, and mesquite woods. The smoking takes 3 to 5 hours for ribs and up to 20 hours for beef brisket and pork. It's then sliced, chopped, or pulled by hand and brought to table with one or more choices of sides, ranging from mac and cheese to a taste of ribs to vegetables in season.

Mitch comes to Pittsburgh from Chicago, where he says barbeque is a very competitive business, and he's keenly aware of the importance of excellence in product, service, and atmosphere. "I learned a lot in terms of what's good, what's traditional, what's unique, what do people like. I did a lot of research perfecting my rubs and sauce. And I love the art of smoking. It's a melding of different woods and flavors."



Owner, Mitch Liebovich (right) and manager, Ray Cathie
Pawsburgh Photography

He was born and raised in Rockford, IL, home of the Rockford Peaches of *League of Their Own* fame (his grandmother played in the actual league), but with his wife's family being from Wexford, he's traveled to Pittsburgh for almost 20 years. When the equipment from the former Bama's Restaurant

went on sale, he brought his expertise to Brookline Boulevard.

"I love the neighborhood," he says. "I love the fact that there's a lot of walk-in traffic. People here are down-to-earth, good, honest, hard-working people. That's the way I am, so I thought it fit pretty well."



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The SMOQ PITT motto is "Rub. Smoke. Love," and you can feel the affection just talking with Mitch about how he wants to have a great relationship with customers and the community. "Cooking's a passion. You put your heart, your soul, your love into it, and that love passes on. I'm hoping that within the first couple of months, I'll get to know everybody in the neighborhood. I look at going to a restaurant as an experience. I want to provide an enjoyable place for people."

Even the SMOQ PITT décor exudes good vibes. Interior walls are covered with wood from a former 120-year-old Washington County barn. Corrugated metal wainscoting is from the barn's roof. The ceiling light shades were once minnow catchers. Silently overseeing the entire scene is "George," a former long-horned steer named after Mitch's grandfather.

The SMOQ PITT mystique is a blend of rustic, old-fashioned blues, and state-of-the-art service. You can eat your meal in the 15-seat restaurant or get it to go, and can order ahead online or by phone. "On our online system, you can specify time," says Mitch. "We're usually about a 35-40 minute

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turnaround for an online or call order. Dining in, from order to table, we're shooting to do less than 12 minutes, and I think we can probably cut that down so it'll be more like 7 minutes."

So if you have a hankering for down-home farm-fresh beef, pork, or chicken, lovingly prepared and smoked out back, make your way to SMOQ PITT, right next to the post office. Mitch and manager Ray Cathie are looking forward to seeing you. The restaurant has a BYOB policy with no corking fee.




Interior of SMOQ PITT

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MAY COMMUNITY MEETINGS

May 11 Monday

Brookline Chamber of Commerce Meeting 6:00 p.m. at Carnegie Library 708 Brookline Blvd.

May 12 Tuesday

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

May 18 Monday

South Pittsburgh Development Corp. 7:00 p.m. at Brookline Blvd. United Presbyterian Church 1036 Brookline Blvd.

Community Crimes Zone 6

March		
Zone 6 Crimes	Total	Brookline
Aggravated Assault	8	0
Robbery	3	0
Burglary	24	5
Theft	41	7
Theft from Vehicle	25	15
Stolen Vehicle	2	1

You can now follow Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Zone 6 reports on Facebook.

We Think Brookline is Worth It

The Brookline newsletter has always been known for its excellence, thanks to the tireless efforts of Pamela Grabowski. With the revived newsletter, we've stepped up its visual quality, using color printing, a higher-grade paper, and stapled binding.

We did it because we're convinced it reflects the excellence and bright future of Brookline. Every community has things that need improving, but Brookline is building on its proud history and is trending up. To a great extent, this is due to the extraordinary volunteer efforts of dedicated and energetic Brookliners, young and old.

Take this newsletter, for instance. Not only is its entire staff comprised of volunteers, but for over 6 years, its printing costs have been met by local advertising, funding by the volunteer South Pittsburgh Development Corporation (SPDC), and individual donations.

To continue printing the newsletter with the higher-quality materials, we need to step up our advertising and fundraising efforts. Our goal isn't to make money on the newsletter, just to maintain its quality for years to come.

What can you do to help?

If you're a local business, run an ad in the newsletter. Your business will look great promoted in full-color to over 1,400 readers! If you're a community member who wants to see a high-quality newsletter each month, drop a donation in the "Brook the Lion" banks at Cannon Coffee, Party Cake Bakery, or Rina's Alterations. Or make out a check to the SPDC noting that it's a donation for the newsletter, and send it to P.O. Box 9606, Pittsburgh, PA 15226

The newsletter doesn't just happen. It's a labor of love by volunteers. We invite you to become part of the team, either by offering your help or helping with the costs. Thanks!

Paper Shredding Event

Do you have papers you've been meaning to shred but haven't gotten around to-for so long that now you have LOTS of paper to shred? No problem. On Saturday, May 9, State Representative Dan Deasy will host a free paper shredding event in the parking lot of St. Pamphilus Church in Beechview, at 1000 Tropical Avenue, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call for Volunteers

- ANGELS' PLACE Volunteers needed at Angels' Place, Inc. Help us work with children, arts and crafts, organizing and more. If interested, please call Stephanie at 412-531-6667. www.angelsplaceph.org
- BROOKLINE CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY call Pat Erny 412-344-8451
- CLOTHES CLOSET MINISTRY call Brookline United Presbyterian Church at 412-531-0590
- DOGIPOT MAINTENANCE call Lisa at 412-304-3086
- FOREVER HOME BEAGLE RESCUE call 412-304-4034 or BeagleHQ@msn.com Foster homes needed as well as donations of dog food, blankets and bath towels.
- MEALS ON WHEELS sponsored by St. Mark's Lutheran Church call 412-343-8144
- 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 cutbacks 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.

Brookline Clean-Up Day

On April 4, SPDC hosted a business-district cleanup with help from Tree Pittsburgh and student volunteers from Carnegie Mellon University. Together with over 25 community members, the group removed litter from various streets and re-mulched the majority of the planters on the Boulevard.

The presentation of our neighborhood is a daily, if not hourly, challenge. If you see someone littering — say something! And imagine the difference we can make if we all pick up what we see. KEEP BROOKLINE BEAUTIFUL.

— Megan Zirkel
SPDC



Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Service

The Memorial Day Parade will be held Monday, May 25, at 10:00 am. Parade units will assemble by the Cannon on the Boulevard. The route starts on the Boulevard, then heads along Pioneer Avenue to Dormont and Mt. Lebanon, ending with a memorial service at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery.

Tribute to Brookliners

At 9:50 am, there will be a service at the Cannon to honor the Brookline residents who sacrificed their lives while serving in the military. The flag will be lowered, "Taps" will be played, and the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice will be read. Members of the armed forces, past and present, are especially encouraged to attend, with a special invitation to Vietnam-era veterans.



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Brookline Veteran Honored

by Clint Burton

On Sunday, March 29, 2015, U.S. Army Corporal James W. Gormley, a decorated Korean War veteran whose family resided at 1305 Brookline Boulevard, was inducted into the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Joseph A. Dugan Jr. Hall of Valor.



Corporal James W. Gormley

A forward observer in the 39th Field Artillery Battalion, James saw action during the Hungnam evacuation in December 1950 and the recapture of Seoul the following March. On April 25, 1951, during combat along the 38th Parallel, the unit that James' FO team was assigned to was under threat of being overrun.

At great personal risk, James volunteered to stay behind with a small covering force to facilitate the evacuation of an entire regiment. James called in accurate and deadly artillery strikes until his radio was put out of action. All units were successfully withdrawn. For his actions that day, James Gormley was awarded the Silver Star.

On May 24, 1951, under similar circumstances, James again

remained behind to provide covering fire for beleaguered units near the hamlet of Habae Jae. After completing his mission, James began making his way back to friendly lines. He was felled by mortar fire.

Sixty-four years after James' passing, John Gormley of Castle Rock, Colorado, returned home to accept the Hall of Valor award for his older brother. With John were his wife and children, along with over 40 relatives, many of whom still reside in Pittsburgh.

It was a wonderful day for the Gormley family, and a long overdue recognition for a Brookline boy who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of Freedom and Liberty. James

joins fellow Brookliners Thomas J. Cullison and Bruno P. Riccardi, both WWII veterans, in the ranks of Pennsylvania soldiers honored in the prestigious hall.



James Gormley's brother John and his family at the Hall of Valor Ceremony

Learn more about James W. Gormley in the [Brookline Connection](http://www.brooklineconnection.com/history/Gallery/GormleyI.html), or visit <http://www.brooklineconnection.com/history/Gallery/GormleyI.html>.

Brookline Recreation Center

Weight Room and Fitness Center

Patrons ages 16-17 must be orientated and accompanied by a parent or guardian. Membership card is required.

New Restorative Yoga

Learn to use supported relaxation as a stress neutralizer. Experience deep mental and physical relaxation while using props to support the body in yoga postures. A new session will begin on Thursday, April 16 costing \$50 for 6 weeks or \$10 a class. A great opportunity for those with bad backs, hips, and knees to help find stress release.

Yoga

Tuesdays 6:15 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Cost: 6 weeks for \$50 or \$10 per class.

Martial Arts Classes

Ages 10 and up. 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Call Center for days.

Summer Soccer

Instruction Soccer is back this summer for ages 4-6 & 7-9. Cost will be \$20. Sign-ups begin May 1. More info to follow.

Summer Basketball League

Instructional league boys and girls ages 9-11 and 12-14. Cost \$40 per player. Deadline May 31. Sign up now!

Summer Camp-NEW THIS YEAR

Boys and girls ages 7-10 can join us for a 6-week summer camp. Camp will be Mon-Fri 10:30 am-3:30 pm. Cost: \$60 plus field trip fees. Space is limited. Lunch and snack provided. Sign-up begins May 1.

Call Center for more information: 412-571-3222

The Early Road Network in West Liberty

by Clint Burton

In the 1760s, an Indian trail led to a small farm and trading post run by the McNeeley family. Known as the Chimney Town Road, it followed the path of present-day Pioneer Avenue to a location near McNeilly Avenue and Midland Street.

As frontier settlement increased, the trail was extended south and became a roadway of major importance. In 1797, it was established as the State Road from Pittsburgh to Washington, also called the St. Clair Turnpike. Beginning near Smithfield Street, it ran along Arlington and Warrington Avenues, then up Pioneer and south on Washington Road.

As the West Liberty section of Lower St. Clair Township began to develop in the 1830s, a small network of roads emerged that form the foundation of today's travels. These pathways generally ran along the streams and valleys that sliced through the rolling South Hills landscape.

Wenzell Avenue, which originally stretched from Pioneer Avenue to Greentree Road, was laid out in 1832. Whited Street, Edgebrook Avenue, and Breining/Glenbury Street were also established as Township Roads. Connecting these was another dirt path known as Knowlson Avenue that would one day emerge as Brookline Boulevard.

Plummer's Run, from Saw Mill Run to Pioneer Avenue, was built in 1839. Renamed West Liberty Avenue, it became part of the main north-south turnpike (PA Route 19) and Pioneer was reduced to its present course and length.

Other early township roads that skirted the boundaries of present-day Brookline were McNeilly Road and a short portion of Saw Mill Run Boulevard, called the Warrington Avenue extension. Along these roadways existed only a few short paths that led to scattered farmhouses dotting the quaint West Liberty countryside.

In the 1860s and 1870s, mining settlements along Saw Mill Run began to grow into small communities. These emerging developments had no brick yards or saw mills. Building materials and supplies had to be hauled over these poor township roads, with the wagons often sinking hub-deep in mud.

With the exception of the aforementioned streets, practically all other roadways in Brookline were created by virtue of lot plan developments, principally by the West Liberty and Paul development companies between 1905 and 1908. Additional street network improvements continued until the 1950s.



Wenzell Avenue in its early days

Where In Brookline?

Brookline sprawls. Geographically, it's the second largest Pittsburgh neighborhood (after Squirrel Hill) with 1,333 acres.

In this issue, we challenge you with a visual quiz. Tell us where the photographer was standing to take the accompanying photo (it was at the intersection of two roads). The three entries that come closest to the exact location will each win a \$10 certificate to SMOQ PITT restaurant. If more than three entries get it right, we'll randomly draw the winners from those entries.

Drop off your entries at SMOQ PITT restaurant (next to the post office) by May 15, 2015.



Old Notes By Old People

by Cliff Gorski

As I recall, I last left you all on the edge of your seats wondering if I would be picked for jury duty.

I reported as ordered. They called jurors for three different trials. I never made the cut. Every trial that was scheduled to proceed ended when the defendant pleaded to charges. So, with thanks and appreciation, we all were sent home. While sitting in the courthouse, we were allowed to use electronic devices in the hallway. So, I looked at one of my favorite websites, "The Brookline Connection." The site is fantastic because it takes a look at Brookline past and present. On the site, there are listings of community residents past and present who are considered "personalities." Many have really done great things and are very proud to be natives of Brookline.

Who doesn't know George? Like the star that he is, I don't even need to use his last name. Mostly all of us on our end of Brookline were well acquainted with Chuck Senft. Our parents became familiar with him when he would call our

houses if we didn't show for practice. If the excuse was lame, he would threaten to drive to your home and personally bring you to the Brookline Recreation Center. That is what a good mentor and coach does – and is probably not the norm today. It is also how many kids in our neighborhood were kept out of trouble and away from some of the unfortunate lures of trouble that are still present today.

Also on the list was somebody I did know, but didn't realize was a Brookline resident. Radio broadcast legend Porky Chedwick. Porky and I would pass pleasantries in the lobby of the Chamber of Commerce Building downtown. I would be on my way to KQV on the 7th floor. Porky would be traveling to the 16th floor where WAMO AM/FM was located. I would be going to do news, Porky was on his way to be your Platter Pushin' Papa. I will always remember what a kind man Porky was. Legend that he was, he was just so nice and unassuming. In all those times we briefly chatted, I never knew he was from my neighborhood.

Check out the website...it's a great way to spend some extra time.

Playing Catch-Up: Paving and Potholes in Pittsburgh From the Office of Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak



As we all know, we are years behind our paving schedule. Decades of neglect have caused a backlog of potholes and paving needs. Over 1,500 potholes submitted during the blitz were filled, but it can seem like the worst potholes and streets were missed completely. We've received many calls asking why that is. In cases where the street or

pothole is in advanced stages of decay, cold patch can create a mess as it is pushed out of the larger sections of decay and deeper or wider trench-like potholes by passing vehicles. Hot patch is far more effective and lasts longer.

Why don't we use hot patch constantly? It's because the city does not have its own asphalt plant. We wait for the plant to open, as temperatures rise in the spring, and bring forth the far more effective hot patch. Once that happens, hot patch is used to treat problem streets. Please continue to submit requests to 311, and be as specific with the location of the pothole or decay as possible!

Additionally, the city will lease a hot-patch truck on a trial basis. There have been delays in the rental but it is on track to come online soon. This vehicle can be used year-round as a mobile hot patch unit. If the trial lease is a success, the city may invest in a machine like this year-round.

Until then, drive carefully and slowly and call 311 to report potholes. The more reports received, the higher that pothole or damaged street rises in the pile. Over time, together we will work to rebuild our roads.

Heard on the Street

For the second winter in a row, Brookliners called in the most "311" pothole reports in the city.



Senator Wayne Fontana



The PA Department of Revenue is accepting applications for the 2014 Property Tax/Rent Rebate program. Applications can be obtained from my office and my staff would be happy to assist you in preparing your application.

This program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and over, widows and widowers age 50 and over, and people with disabilities age 18 and over. Homeowners with a maximum yearly income of \$35,000 and renters with a maximum yearly income of \$15,000 are eligible for a rebate. Keep in mind that half of Social Security income is excluded.

Due to program changes enacted last year to ensure claimants aren't disqualified from rebates solely because of Social Security cost-of-living-adjustments, homeowners and renters may be eligible for rebates even if their eligibility income is greater than these limits.

If you need an application or assistance in completing the application, call or stop into the office (932 Brookline Blvd.) and we'll be happy to help. Applications are due to the Department of Revenue by June 30th. www.senatorfontana.com

Representative Harry Readshaw



The gender pay gap is real and hurts women and families. I am an avid supporter of equal pay for equal work for women in the work force.

Why we need equal pay: In this struggling economy, the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act are important laws, but are hard

to enforce. In the current economic crisis, many people are facing financial problems, stagnant wages and unemployment. Women in Pennsylvania already have a higher rate of economic insecurity than men. In the past 2 1/2 years of recovery since the recession, the high unemployment rate for men has fallen, but the women's unemployment rate remains higher in comparison.

I will continue my efforts, working to secure that women across Pennsylvania have equal rights for equal pay.

Representative Dan Deasy



One of my duties as your state representative is to serve as your liaison with all government agencies. Oftentimes, residents need to contact a branch of their government and are not sure where to begin.

I have compiled a "Guide to Governmental Services" for my constituents to reference in these instances. This brochure provides contact information for City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, State of Pennsylvania, and federal government agencies.

In addition, I am in the process of compiling a "Government Guide for Businesses." The business guide, which should be available by May 15, will include contact information to prospective and business owners of government agencies that handle business-related matters.

These guides can be viewed and printed by visiting my website at www.pahouse.com/deasy and are available in my office.

Please call my office at 412-928-9514 for more information or assistance in any state-related matter.

Representative Dan Miller



May is a busy month and my office will host a number of events throughout the district. On May 17, at Mt. Lebanon Park, we will have our second All Scouts Day – this year with two sessions for different ages! Cub Scouts and Brownies are invited from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Boy scouts and Girl Scouts

are invited from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Light picnic dinner will be served. Please RSVP to RepMiller@pahouse.net or at 412-343-3870. For details, go to my website at www.pahouse.com/miller.

We will also begin a series of informal community roundtables called "Conversations That Matter" on topics including healthcare, addiction, and education. Additionally, I will be hosting info sessions on senior fraud and electric choice. For full details on all of our events, be sure to sign up for my e-updates, which you can do on my website.



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Community Events & Announcements

Carnegie Library of Brookline May Events

For All Ages

- *Crochet and Knitting Fun* – Saturdays, May 2 & 16 @ 1 p.m. – Get new ideas, learn the basics or receive one-on-one assistance.

For Kids

- *Kids Create* – Saturdays, May 9 & May 23 @ 2 p.m. – Kids learn to express their creativity as they explore artistic mediums. On May 9, we'll be crafting Mother's Day bouquets for the special ladies in our lives!
- *Tween Workshop Tuesdays* for ages 7-11 – Every Tuesday @ 3:30 p.m. – Minecraft Challenge (May 5), Crafternoon (May 12), Writing Group (May 19), and Mad Science (May 26).

For Teens

- *Electronics Club* – for ages 10-18 – Saturday, May 23 @ 2 p.m. – Whether you're a tech wizard or want to be, take part in hands-on electronics projects taught by two engineers. Equipment is provided.
- "L.A.N." Party – Saturdays, May 9 & 23 @ 11 a.m. – It's always games, games, games, whether we're doing L.A.N. or simply group gaming. Registration is required.
- *Pokémon League* for ages 8-18 – Every Monday @ 3 p.m. – We'll be hosting battle leagues for both the card and video games, and planning for quarterly tournaments.
- *Teen Planning Meeting* – Wednesday, May 6 @ 3:30 p.m. – We're looking for teen leaders to help plan future *Teen Time* activities!
- *Teen Time* – Every Thursday @ 3 p.m. – Art * Tech * Film * Games * Music * More *

For Adults

- *Adult Book Discussions*
Mystery & More – Wednesday, May 13 @ 1 p.m. – *Sixteen Brides Between the Lines* – Monday, May 18 @ 6 p.m. – *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*
The Buzz at CANNON COFFEE, 802 Brookline Boulevard – Thursday, May 28 @ 6 p.m. – *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane*.
- *Don't Settle for Less: Adult Game Night* – Tuesday, May 19 @ 5:45 p.m.
- *Job & Career: Résumé Assistance by Appointment* – Thursdays, May 7 & May 21 – Qualified volunteers are available to help you develop a strong résumé and cover letter so you can land that all-important interview – Appointments are required and are available between 6-8 p.m. – Call 412-561-1003 to schedule.
- *Let's Speak English!* – Every Tuesday @ 6:45 p.m. – Non-native English speakers can practice their skills by taking part in fun conversations and activities.
- *Power Yoga with Amy* for adults of all skill levels – Every Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m. – FREE – Just bring your own water, towel and mat.
- *Versus: Monthly Movie Showdown* – Tuesday, May 12 @ 6 p.m. – *A Scanner Darkly* versus *The Artist*. Pick up the selected movies at the library, watch them on your own, then join us to discuss.

The Library will be closed all day, Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Visit www.carnegielibrary.org/locations/brookline for more program information.

The Heritage Players

The area's community theater group, The Heritage Players, will present Christopher Sergel's classic play, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, based on the novel by Harper Lee and directed by Nicole Zalak, May 22-24 and 29-31 at the Seton Center, 1900 Pioneer Avenue. Friday/Saturday performances are 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the door, but discounted if purchased in advance at www.bphp.org/xu35a.

Set in Alabama in the 1930s, Scout and her brother are entranced by the idea of seeing their reclusive and unseen neighbor, Boo Radley. Meanwhile, their attorney father, Atticus, defends a black man accused of attacking a white woman, and the children get caught up in the trial. For more information visit www.bphp.org or write to heritageplayers@yahoo.com.

The Heritage Players will hold auditions for their Disney musical, *Peter Pan*, May 24 at the Seton Center at 7

p.m. and May 25 at the Schoolhouse Arts Center, 2600 South Park Road, Bethel Park at 7 p.m. Director Adam Winter is seeking actors ages 7 to adult. Please prepare 16 bars of a song of your choice. There will also be cold readings from the script. Resumes and head shots helpful, but not required.

Performances will be held at the Seton Center on July 31-August 2 and August 7-9. Based on the Disney film and the book by J.M. Barrie. Wendy Darling loves to tell stories to her brothers, but when her father announces that she must move out of the nursery, Peter Pan comes to whisk the children away to Neverland. For more information visit www.bphp.org.

The Heritage Players are still accepting ads from local businesses for their production programs, as well as contributions from patrons. Coming in June: Auditions for *Seventh Annual Broadway Revue* for ages 13-19.

Community Events & Announcements

Out and About

To have your event listed, contact thebrookline@gmail.com or pdkaz@comcast.net by the 7th of the month preceding the month of publication. Please include "Out and About" in the subject line. Events submitted after the 7th of the month will be included only as space allows.

May Events

Open Mic

- Cannon Coffee, Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., 412-563-0202.
- Brookline Pub, Wednesdays, 10:00 p.m., 412-531-0899.

Karaoke

- Brookline Pub, Thursdays, 9:00 p.m.
- Zippy's Saloon, Saturdays, 9:00 p.m., 412-343-3574.

DJ

- Brookline Pub, Fridays and Saturdays, 9:00 p.m.
- Zippy's Saloon, Fridays, 9:00 p.m.
- Getaway Café, Saturday, May 2, 8:00 p.m.

Onstage

- John McCann, Irish Acoustic. Getaway Café, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., 412-343-1337.
- Bad Custer, 9:30 p.m. & Chrome Moses, 10:30 p.m., Brookline Pub, Friday, May 29.
- City Steps, 10 p.m. & Chet Vincent and The Big Bend, 11 p.m., Gordon's Lounge, Friday, May 29, 412-561-9433
- *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Heritage Players, Seton Center, May 22, 23, 29, 30, 8 p.m. and May 24, 31, 2 p.m.

Other

- Trivia Night. Brookline Pub, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday Paint Night. Getaway Café, Mondays, 7:00-9:00 pm. Unleash your inner Picasso. Online registration required, info@getawaycafe.com
- Name that Tune. Getaway Café, Saturday, May 16, 8:00 p.m.
- Social Signing Hour. Cannon Coffee. Sponsored by Pressley Ridge School for the Deaf (www.pressleyridge.com). Learn and practice signing phrases. Thursday, May 28, 6:30 p.m.
- Geekadrome:
 - Free Comic Book Day, with trivia, costume, and drawing contests, Saturday, May 2, starting 11:00 a.m., 301-344-2494.
 - HeroClix, Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
 - Dungeons and Dragons, Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m.
 - Friday Night Magic draft, Fridays, 7:00 p.m.

Fundraisers

Is your Brookline community church, school, or other non-profit holding a fundraiser? We'd like to list it in *The Brookline*. Use the submission guidelines for "Out and About," except include "Fundraiser" in the subject line.

May Fundraisers

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Community Events & Announcements



Brookline Breeze

The 34th annual Brookline Breeze 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Mini-Breeze will be held Saturday, August 8, 2015. Register online during the month of May and be eligible for two (2) box seats to an upcoming Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball game. Visit the Breeze website at www.brooklinebreeze.com for more information.

Summer Music Series

Building on the success of the entertainment at last year's Brookline Unveiled, SPDC will kick off a summer series of live music at Boulevard entertainment spots starting Friday, May 29. The bands that night will be at the Brookline Pub (Bad Custer, 9:30 p.m. and Chrome Moses, 10:30 p.m.) and Gordon's Lounge (City Steps, 10 p.m. and Chet Vincent & The Big Bend, 11 p.m.).

Car Cruise 2015

Like cars? Own a vehicle you'd be interesting in showing? Just want someplace fun to go on a Wednesday evening?

Then plan on attending the first Car Cruise of the season at the Brookline Recreation Center on June 3. Clint Burton of the Rec Center describes it as an antique car and vehicle show, along with newer sporty cars. "People park, hang out, check out the cars," he says. "There's music, fun, food, and prizes from 5 p.m. until dark."

Wondering if your vehicle qualifies for the show? "If you think your car is cool, then it's cool enough for us," says Clint. Attendance and participation are free.



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What's Hot in Brookline: Cannon Coffee

by Joseph Samuel Rogers

Finally, the weather is slowly getting warmer and is almost as hot as our topic this month! Cannon Coffee, a member of our Brookline family since January 2010, was last visited by *The Brookline* in September of that year. I thought that it would be fun to take a trip there on a midsummer day with my high school classmate William Farnsworth of Shadyside to catch up with our friends at Cannon Coffee and enjoy the sights of Brookline Boulevard.

We originally planned to have lunch with owner Nathan Mallory during our visit, but he was unable to attend at the very last minute. Nevertheless, Will and I enjoyed our lunch of one of Cannon Coffee's daily lunch specials and signature drinks. I had a delicious chai tea that easily topped Starbucks version of the same drink — this one had a strong spice taste to it. Will and I each had a panini for lunch. This was Will's first visit to Brookline, and he mentioned during lunch that Cannon Coffee resembled coffee shops and restaurants in the East End neighborhoods of Pittsburgh.

Cannon Coffee has a diverse hot and cold drink menu and lots of food including baked goods, sandwiches, and paninis. The staff members were very kind and welcoming, describing the various types of drinks and their own preferences. For a tea drinker like me, my order was easy, but Will found it helpful to get an expert opinion. The coffee shop also hosts



Will Farnsworth and Joseph Samuel Rogers at Cannon Coffee

a well-attended open-mic night each Wednesday and various special events throughout the year.

Whether it is to escape a hot day or find shelter in the cold, Cannon Coffee offers a comfortable and laid-back environment to socialize, relax, and get work done. If you haven't been there yet, I would strongly recommend visiting Cannon Coffee for an "on the go" drink. Their lunch menu is not expansive, but their selections are appetizing and freshly made. Be sure to stop in and visit Brookline's own "East End-esque" coffee shop!

Looking for a hot gift idea? Cannon Coffee sells gift cards! One of my favorite Christmas presents from my time teaching CCD at Our Lady of Loreto

Catholic Church on Pioneer Avenue was receiving a \$10 gift card to Cannon Coffee. An easy gift for cultured friends!

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Gardening has always been a popular activity. Gardeners often reflect upon its therapeutic effects. Spring begins the gardening season and the gardeners are about to “spring” into action, becoming physically active after a winter of sedentary living. If not prepared for the sudden activity, joints, muscles, and ligaments are susceptible to injury.

Treat gardening as an athletic event and warm up using the following stretches:

- Hug yourself by wrapping both arms around yourself and turn as far as possible to one side. Hold for 5 to 10 seconds and repeat to the opposite side. Do each side 5 times.
- Standing, reach above your head, interlace your fingers palms up and lean to one side. Hold for 5 to 10 seconds and repeat to opposite side. Do each side 5 times.
- Standing, slowly bend forward from the waist and hold for 5 to 10 seconds. Lean backward and hold for 5 to 10 seconds. Do each 5 times.

Always remember, stretching should be a slow movement without bouncing. Stretching should not be painful. Move until you feel the “stretch” and hold the posture, giving the muscle a chance to elongate. Always be aware of body mechanics.

The proper posture and movements will prevent injury. Keep the following tips in mind while gardening:

- Keep joints relaxed in a neutral or halfway range of motion.
- Assume comfortable postures that can be changed often to prevent abnormal joint stress. Kneel instead of bending and change stance often.
- Never overreach or overextend when lifting objects.
- Do not lift by bending forward from the waist. Bend your knees and lift with your legs.
- Always carry objects close to your body with elbows bent, head up, and neck straight.

To alleviate the discomfort of muscle aches and pain apply a cold pack for the first 48 hours. Change to a heat pack for the next 48 hours. Apply the packs for 20 minutes at a time and then off for 30 minutes. If pain is persistent, see your chiropractor!

Yard Debris

On Saturday, May 9, the City of Pittsburgh will pick up yard debris from your curb, including leaves, grass, plants, tree trimmings, branches, and shrubs. No plastic bags allowed. The pick-up will not accept stones, dirt, rocks, manure, garbage, lumber, or food waste.

We Goofed

In the April *Brookline*, we printed a misspelling in the "Moira Kaleida for School Director" advertisement. We sincerely apologize for the error.



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What's Happening at Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8

by Amy Cornelius Dembosky
Parent Volunteer

Spring is in the air at Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8, and exciting things have been happening!

First, we are thrilled to announce that several members of our school community were honored by the Pittsburgh Local Task Force on the Right to Education at its annual Champion Awards on March 25. The Local Task Force works to ensure that all students receive their free and appropriate public education. Its Champion Awards recognize students, staff, administrators, and family members who tirelessly advocate for students with special learning needs. Our primary grade autism support teacher Melissa Schmitt, developmental advisor LaSaune Rayzer, and middle school language arts teacher Christina Ramsey were recognized for their efforts at the Pittsburgh Public Schools Board of Education meeting after being recommended by Brookline parents. Seventh grader Lexie Bouchard was nominated by Melissa Mullee's third grade class for her outstanding leadership, compassion, and inspiring personality. Lexie serves as a mentor to the third graders as part of our middle school mentoring program. She was interviewed by KDKA News after the ceremony. To watch the interview, go to <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2015/03/26/pittsburgh-local-task-force-hands-out-champion-awards-to-top-teachers-students/>.

In other student news, eighth grader Marissa Wolff won a Carson Scholarship this year in recognition of her high academic achievement and commitment to the community. The Carson Scholarship provides \$1,000 for college expenses. Another one of our eighth graders, Mackenzie Trosky, was awarded recognition status for the third time for continued achievement after receiving an initial scholarship.

Our PTA continues to enrich our students' lives through activities and fundraisers. The Scholastic Book Fair raised almost \$1,000 for our school! Thank you to everyone who participated. The PTA also assisted the middle school Book Buddies Club in their recent event with our PreK students. Middle schoolers read *Pete the Cat* by James Dean to their book buddies and completed a fun activity. At the end of the day, PreK students were able to take the book home!

Finally, warmer weather means no more sweaters and boots, but please remember to follow the school dress code. No flip flops, short shorts, or midriff-baring tops may be worn. Straps for tank tops need to be at least three fingers wide, and no undergarments may show. Please guide your students in making good clothing choices so that we can have a smooth transition to a super summer!

What's Going on at Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5

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

May is a very busy month at Pittsburgh West Liberty. On May 2, our fifth-grade ballroom dancers will be dancing their way into the final competition. They have been rehearsing and preparing diligently for the competition. Good luck to our dancers!

Junior Achievement Day will be on May 8 at our school. This is a great opportunity for children to explore the business world. It teaches them the importance of making good financial decisions. It also teaches them the importance of career choices and the considerations involved with those choices. We are once again looking forward to having this opportunity for the children.

We will celebrate Bring Your Father to School day on May 13. On this day, the children will be able to share with their father some of the fun activities that we do in school. It's a

great way to open communication with parents and teachers and to encourage fathers to be involved with their child(ren)'s education.

Additional activities include our Fun Day on May 27. Parents who have their clearances filed with the office are welcome to come and help on this day. Our PTO will arrange wonderful activities and the children will have a day filled with nothing but fun. The children always look forward to this day and the activities.

Lastly, on May 29 we will be having an Awards Day for grades first through fourth. All children will be receiving an award at this ceremony to recognize their dedication to their schoolwork. At West Liberty, we believe each child is special and has his or her own goals to work towards. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the children for their perseverance.

That's all for now. Hope you are enjoying the beautiful spring weather. Remember, Pittsburgh West Liberty is "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."