

824: The Consignment Shop

by Dan Kaczmariski

It seems appropriate that 824: The Consignment Shop opened its doors the first day of spring. Just as the season ushers in color, scented blossoms, and the sun's reawakening, walking into 824 leads you to a roomful of attractive items, gentle perfumes of candles and incense, and the welcoming smile of its owner, Geri Roberts. Strings of decorative lights accent the ceiling and a sense of calm permeates the shop.

Geri says she was literally inspired to open the store. "The idea came to me in a dream. Everything just kind of fell into place. It was like somebody was leading me. It really is very odd how this all came to be."

As a consignment shop, 824 depends on people bringing items for the shop to sell on their behalf. When the pieces are sold, the shop and the consignor split the proceeds. Geri extends an open invitation to the community to offer items for sale.

"I'm always needing new things," she says. "If I don't have room on the floor, I hold it until there is room. I've always loved consignment shops, and I just thought 'I can't be the only one.' The community has been really fantastic in bringing items. I haven't yet advertised—'bring me your stuff'—and yet, here we are."



Owner, Geri Roberts in front of 824: The Consignment Shop

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The inventory changes on a regular basis. My wife and I bought several items that have become welcome additions in our home. When I last visited, items for sale ranged from furniture to glassware and dinnerware, to clothing, jewelry, and purses. Each piece was tasteful and in excellent condition.



Interior of 824: The Consignment Shop

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"I love to mix styles," Geri says, "antiques with modern. I like to play with that and hope the shop shows you can do it. Life is about all different ages together. I like to embrace that."

In addition to the resale inventory, 824 offers new items handcrafted by Pittsburgh artisans specifically for the shop, including soaps, candles, shower bursts, and wooden toys. Geri would like to feature even more handcrafted items from local artists, especially original paintings.

"I really love the idea that I'm able to help showcase their work," says Geri. "I want 824 to be where the Brookline community can buy things they need for their home. This would also be a great place to buy gifts. I love that idea, because gifts don't just have to be new."

"My vision for the shop is for people to love it; to feel welcome. To enjoy shopping here. To bring in items. To have

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it be an ever-evolving place.” Each month, the shop will host special events. There will be a Horoscope Event on June 5, an Aromatherapy Event in July and a Feng Shui Event in August.

Although most of the store’s customers make their purchases outright, the shop does offer a layaway program to allow for installment payments.

Geri is a genuinely charming person with an infectious smile and upbeat outlook. She sprinkles her conversation generously with the words “love,” “great,” “amazing” and “wonderful.”

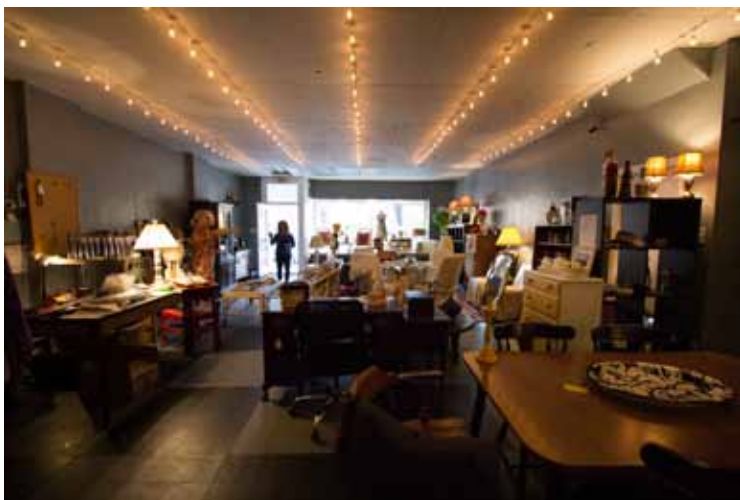
Perhaps her attitude comes from years of living in the Sunshine State; she resided in Miami for several decades. After earning a Master’s Degree in Creative Writing at Virginia Tech, she relocated to Pittsburgh to be closer to her family, especially her first grandchild (she now has three with one more on the way).

She feels she’s found a home in Brookline. “I never felt part of a community before. I longed for that. Now that I’m here, it really feels wonderful. My experience so far has been amazing, just amazing. Wonderful customers, wonderful consignors. It’s all been great. This is just such a great community.”

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Robbery	3	0
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Theft	27	5
Theft from Vehicle	13	0
Stolen Vehicle	5	0

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JUNE COMMUNITY MEETINGS

June 8 Monday

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

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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 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.

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Five people correctly identified the intersection of Breining and Eben Streets as the spot from which the "Where in Brookline?" photo in the May newsletter was taken. Each of them will get a \$10 gift certificate to the SMOQ PITT restaurant. The winners are: Kevin Doyle, Aiden Forcucci, Shan Hua, Christa Miklancie, and Dennis Rew.

BreezeFest Vendors Wanted

Wanted – Arts and crafts vendors, buskers, and community organization for annual Brookline BreezeFest event on August 8, 2015, along Boulevard business district. Early application fee, \$35. For more information, call Lois McCafferty at 412-341-5788 or email Blvdbreezefest@hotmail.com

Applications can be picked up at A-Boss Opticians, 938 Brookline Boulevard, or Cannon Coffee, 802 Brookline Boulevard.

Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring

OASIS, in partnership with the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, places reading volunteers in local schools, including Brookline PreK-8 and West Liberty K-5. The program needs volunteers 50+ to help in its office at Macy's downtown. Join them there Thursday, June 25, from 11 a.m. to noon for more information, refreshments, door prizes and more. Office volunteer activities include office support, computer work, putting together crafts for tutoring sessions and more. Volunteers can work one or more hours per week. If interested and for more information, contact John D. Spehar, Pittsburgh OASIS Tutoring Program Director at 412-232-2021.



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

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Boys and girls ages 7-10 can join us for a 6-week summer camp. Mon-Fri 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$60 plus field trip fees. Space is limited. Lunch and snack provided. Sign up now.

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New this Summer—Tennis Clinics at Moore Park

Citiparks will sponsor Intermediate Double Tennis Clinics at Moore Park on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for ages 16 and over. \$12 a player/session—payable by check only to “Treasurer, City of Pittsburgh.” The clinics will be free on the first Mondays of the month, with voluntary donations accepted. For more information, email – citiparkstennis@gmail.com

Church of the Resurrection Fun Flair 2015!

July in Brookline is brightened on Creedmoor Avenue with the Church of the Resurrection Fun Flair. A dynamic Chinese Auction, exciting games and prizes, a grand Raffle (six winners of \$1,000 each) and delicious Carnival Foods are some of this year's highlights. Other events include Pick-A-Tickets, Barrow of Beer drawing, Christmas in July Lottery Tree, Bingo and a huge Garage Sale!

This year's Fun Flair is July 8 through 11 and is the 42nd year of the parish's fundraiser and community event. Phenomenal parish volunteers create the festive atmosphere. For the past ten years or so (who's counting?), Kathy Rudolph and Martha Hochendoner have coordinated the festival. “Before we were co-chairs, we coordinated the games. Our children were in grade school and middle school and we were rather popular school moms – we had the inside scoop on what the prizes would be! Now, we enjoy creating new ideas and games.” Two of these, the Dino Dig and Secret Doors, have become favorites.



The Fun Flair opens at 7 p.m. Games in the gym close at 10 p.m.; all other events are open until 11 p.m. There will be a nightly 50/50 winner. The Chinese Auction, Raffle, Barrow of Beer and Christmas in July Lottery Tree winners will be drawn Saturday beginning at 10:30 p.m.

Carnival foods of hamburgers, hot dogs, hot sausage sandwiches, wings, French fries and homemade pierogis start your delicious journey. Soothe your sweet tooth at the Ice Cream Shoppe and Bake Sale, or with a flavorful ice ball, Funnel Cake or deep-fried Oreos.

Garage Sale donations are accepted Wednesdays and Sundays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Chelton Avenue garage doors. Please do not leave donations unattended; these treasures' next lucky owner will be grateful! The last day for donations is July 5.

Come to the Fun Flair! It is a great time to reacquaint with old friends and meet new ones. This Brookline Community tradition is fun for one and all!!

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Council Woman Natalia Rudiak: Cat Chats



Community cats can be a problem, but the Animal Rescue League Shelter and Wildlife Center works to address this issue in our neighborhoods. Community cats, more commonly known as feral or stray cats, are often fed by well-meaning neighbors or survive in our neighborhoods on their own. Community cats who go

without spaying or neutering may produce up to three litters of kittens each year, causing a small stray cat problem to become a big problem very quickly. To address these problems in our communities, the Animal Rescue League, located at 6620 Hamilton Avenue, works to educate and provide

resources for community members to work together to manage the community cat population.

Together with local students from Carnegie Mellon University, the Animal Rescue League started an initiative called Project Nala. Project Nala allows community members to trap-neuter-and-return feral cats to their homes. For those concerned about the health and safety of the animals, Project Nala says this is one of the most humane ways to manage the cat population and avoid euthanization. This also helps to manage the behaviors of the feral cats and protects their health. Additionally, each month the Animal Rescue League holds a public education forum called “Cat Chat” where they talk about community cat-related issues. Cat Chat occurs on the fourth Saturday of each month from 3-5 p.m. To RSVP to Cat Chat to reserve your spot, email Janice Barnard at jbarnard@animalrescue.org.

Flea Markets

Brookline Recreation Center will host free Flea Market/Craft Shows again this summer. Free spots are available; bring your own table. Saturdays June 6, July 11 and August 1.

Summer Free Lunch and Snack Program

June 15-August 14 at the Brookline Recreation Center. Lunch is served 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Snack begins at 2:30 p.m. Must be age 18 or younger.

Old Notes By Old People

by Cliff Gorski

It would start in mid-May. That is when the countdown to summer began. On the chalkboard at school, the number of days left until summer vacation would be posted. While days seem to fly by now, at that time it seemed like the last day of school was light years away. And then, that excellent day in June would come. The last day of school was nothing more than a few hours of cleaning up our desks and collecting our report cards. And then, we were free until the day after Labor Day in September. And, we got to do something that was unheard of--we could wear shorts on the last day of school.

Summer was simple. One would never consider sitting in the house in front of the television. In my generation, we did have Atari, but that was something you played on a rainy day. Summers were for walking to the pool at the Brookline Community Center and swimming until it was time to walk home for dinner. Or, if you lived in our part of Brookline, you could be adventurous and walk to Moore pool. Notice I said “walk.” Nobody drove us anywhere.

We kept ourselves busy building forts in the woods. And

those forts were usually furnished with the junk that we would pull out of those big dumpsters the city would park on the corner during clean-up week. There would be baseball games and kickball on the street. And, there would be the annual fight between one crank pot that will remain nameless who did not like the fact that we would ride our bikes on her sidewalk. While she is no longer around (at least I don't think so), her demeanor actually improved with age and she turned out to be a nice lady.

I see these stories on the news about fights at malls and fights at amusement parks and I wonder--why are these kids so angry? We have given them everything including instantaneous communication and connection to the world right in the palms of their hands. Maybe it was too much XBOX and not enough fort building, bike riding, and kickball. And if this column didn't qualify me for the old fogey of the year award, let me introduce you to the runner up. Dan Kaczmarek will step in next month while I take a break to rest. I'm sure he won't be talking about resting though. See you in August!

Senator Wayne Fontana



PACE/PACENET is Pennsylvania's prescription assistance program for older adults that offers low-cost prescription medication to qualified residents, age 65 and older.

I want to alert anyone currently enrolled that the program, if it has not already, will be reaching out to

all enrollees to update various demographic information, such as address, telephone number, and emergency contacts. The request for this information has no effect on the enrollee's participation in PACE/PACENET. It will enable program administrators with the PA Department of Aging to contact enrollees when necessary. When you receive the pre-printed update, you are simply asked to complete the form and return in the postage-paid envelope.

The update form also contains a "check box" to learn about other valuable benefits that may be available to enrollees. For more information on PACE/PACENET, please visit www.aging.pa.gov, or call 1-800-225-7223. You can also obtain an application for PACE/PACENET by visiting my office at 932 Brookline Boulevard. www.senatorfontana.com

Representative Dan Miller



With budget season approaching, the work of the Disability Caucus is more important than ever. While the Governor's proposed budget offers some increases for disability and mental health services, I still fear that we need a larger statewide commitment and plan for many of these services. As we move into

June, the Disability Caucus will be prioritizing a few bills:

1. A bill to create ABLE savings accounts for individuals with disabilities to save for expenses like education, housing, assistive technology, etc., without jeopardizing their services.
2. Add a voluntary autism designation to an individual's driver's license or state ID card.
3. Changes to Act 62 that would ensure qualified individuals are available to cover the needs of all kids.

In tough times, I believe we must recognize our moral and fiscal responsibility to increase independence and opportunity for all.

Representative Harry Readshaw



Recently, I was thrilled to participate in a ribbon-cutting for a new residence for homeless male veterans with children in Brentwood.

Single homeless males with children are often overlooked and, too often, they are veterans.

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VLP already established an emergency housing program for women veterans through the United Way of Allegheny County and now the same opportunity is available for men.

While the men and women are living in these residences, coordinators meet with them regularly to assist in financial matters, job hunting and locating a safe, permanent residence.

VLP serves 18 counties in western Pennsylvania. For more information, or if you know a veteran in need of this type of housing, contact VLP at (412) 481-8200.

Representative Dan Deasy



If you need help with any state-related matter, please don't hesitate to call my office at 412-928-9514.

We can help with many matters, including but not limited to: Car registrations, special tags, titles and license applications; information on financial assistance for higher

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I host many events geared toward helping all residents of the district. Periodically, I send out email alerts to constituents on upcoming events and to share important state news. Sign up today to receive my email alerts by visiting my website at www.pahouse.com/Deasy.

From Brookline to the Country Radio Hall of Fame

by Dan Kaczmarek



Paul McCartney and Ed after an interview in New York City

Which of the following are true of Ed Salamon?

Raised in Brookline. A major catalyst in the popular surge of country music. Co-creator of Dick Clark's "Rock, Roll, and Remember." Author of "Pittsburgh's Golden Age of Rock 'n' Roll."

If you said "all of the above," give yourself an "A."

Ed, who grew up on Sussex Avenue, went to Resurrection, South Catholic, and Pitt, and began his radio career at KDKA in 1970, where he applied audience research to determine what people wanted to hear, which was innovative in radio at the time.

"I programmed the music the air personalities played," he says, "and was KDKA's research director, which is how I began doing call-out music research. Although consumer research was becoming common in other industries, radio had not yet embraced it."

His work at KDKA earned him the challenge of breathing life into a moribund WEEP-AM. The station had gone country after losing a Top 40 battle with KQV, but was treading water near the bottom of the ratings.

As program director there, Ed applied strategies that would eventually enshrine him in the Country Radio Hall of Fame—market research, shortening of the playlist, and mixing "crossover" artists with country stalwarts such as Hank Williams and Merle Haggard. Within two years, WEEP was second only to KDKA in adult listeners.

His success didn't go unnoticed. In 1975, he hit the Big Apple, becoming program director at WHN, at that time New York

City's country station. He worked his magic again and the station surged from 14th place to 2nd among adults 25 to 49, becoming the most-listened-to country music station of all time. Because his strategies were emulated by other stations, he is credited as an important force in the popular growth of country music nationwide.

In 1981, with Dick Clark and others, he formed the United Stations Radio Network, where he conceived and developed "The Weekly Country Music Countdown" and "Dick Clark's Rock, Roll, and Remember," conducting many of the artist interviews for the shows.

After the network morphed into Westwood One, Ed was liaison with entertainers such as David Letterman and Jay Leno, and was instrumental in bringing new talent and brands to radio, including Jon Stewart and Fox News.

Today he is an author who teaches on the college level in Tennessee.

A Conversation with Ed Salamon

As a successful country music program director, why did you write books about Pittsburgh rock and roll and radio?

Pittsburgh music and radio were important in my life and I want to do what I can to make sure this part of our culture is memorialized.

How much of an influence was Brookliner Porky Chedwick on you?

I was attracted to the music Porky played. Later, his example taught me the value of enthusiasm for music and that some of the best records were not the ones that were the biggest hits.

What did you listen to while at Resurrection and South Catholic?

Every air personality who I knew that played rock and roll or rhythm and blues. My early favorites were Porky Chedwick, Jay Michael, Barry Kaye, and WILY. When Top 40 radio arrived, I loved WEEP, KQV and Clark Race on KDKA. By the time I was at South Hills Catholic, I listened to a number of DJs on smaller stations who played the music heard at teen dances, including Bob Mack, Mad Mike Metrovich (whom I knew from Brookline), Terry Lee, Zeke Jackson, Charlie Apple, and Bob Livorio on Saturday mornings.

Any favorite Brookline musical moments?

I attended CYO dances at Resurrection and won second prize at a dance contest the night the El Reys performed.

Where did you shop for records?

Hilltop Music Center on Brookline Boulevard always had some great records. I would also take the bus downtown to Tri-State records and even get a transfer to Chuck's Records in Homestead.

What are some Brookline memories?

Great birthday parties with my cousins at their home on Creedmoor Ave when my uncle Joe entertained on the piano. The nuns at Resurrection slapping everyone's hands with rulers when no one would say who'd been talking. Hanging out at Newsies and the Cannon. Kribel's Bakery cookies. Brookline Library. Attending weddings at Cedars of Lebanon Hall and watching the teens do The Stroll.



President Ronald Reagan meets with Dick Clark and Ed in the Oval Office

Ed Salamon's latest book, "Pittsburgh's Golden Age of Rock 'n' Roll", is a history of the many rock 'n' roll artists from Pittsburgh in the 50s, 60s, and 70s, including current Brookliner Jack Stanizzo (The Contrails, Thy Brother's Blood). Ed will host a book signing at the Shaler North Hills Library, Glenshaw, on Tuesday, June 16 at 7 p.m. This free event will feature a discussion with Chuck Blasko of The Vogues and Mike Vale of Tommy James and the Shondells, preceded by an a capella performance by the El Reys. Check out Ed on Facebook.

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Brashear High School: Better Than the Headlines

by Victoria Cumer
Brashear Alumna

Most people who live in Brookline either attended Brashear High School at some point or they know someone who has attended the school, or at the very least they have heard of the high school. Brashear has usually been one of the high schools available for Brookline residents to attend.

More often than not, Brashear is in the headlines for all the wrong reasons. Due to the negative press that often surrounds the school, the students, teachers and administrators want to let people know what the school is really like, and how it is one of the best learning environments in the city.

One of the benefits of attending Brashear High School is that it is the most diverse school in the city. Not only does the school have a mix of black and white urban students but it is the City's ESL Satellite, meaning that there are students from over 30 different countries, who speak over 30 different languages, attending the school. Sophomore student, Savannah Mynahan said, "I never saw such a diverse school...it's amazing to see how much tolerance."

The AP program at Brashear is also growing. In 2014 it was featured in an article by "The New York Times" and currently Brashear has the second highest growth of AP scores in all of Pennsylvania. The teachers and staff are working hard to make sure all students graduate college-ready.

Brashear's most recent newsmakers have been the students involved in the Students in Action program. They recently competed at the 2015 Pittsburgh Jefferson Awards Service Learning Competition and won with their presentation about the relationship between the police and the community. The group of seven students will be attending the national competition in Washington D.C. on June 17-19.

There are lots of exciting things that will be happening for Brashear in the next school year, such as new Engineering electives that will give students the chance to work with a 3D printer and engage in project-based learning.

When asked what she wanted people to know about Brashear high school, the principal, Kimberly Safran said, "The kids here are down to earth. They are kind; they care about one another."

Community Events & Announcements

Carnegie Library of Brookline June Events

For All Ages

- *Crochet and Knitting Fun* – Saturdays, June 13 & 27 @ 1 p.m.

For Kids

- *Tween Workshop Tuesdays* for ages 7-11 – Every Tuesday @ 3 p.m. – Gaming, crafting and writing.
- *Storytime: Toddler and Preschooler Tales* – Mondays starting June 8 @ 6:30 p.m. – Thursdays starting June 11 @ 11 a.m.
- *Kids Club: Wacky Wednesdays* – Wednesdays starting June 10 @ 3 p.m. – Crafts, games and science.
- *Kids Create: Crazy Craft Saturdays* – Saturday, June 20 @ 2 p.m.

For Teens

- *Pokémon League* for ages 8-18 – Every Monday @ 3 p.m.
- *Teen Time* – Every Thursday @ 3 p.m. – Art projects, games, music and movies.
- *Teen Gaming Club* – Tuesdays starting June 16 @ 2 p.m. – Registration required.
- *Intro to Guitar* – Thursday, June 18 @ 7 p.m. – Tips, tricks and hands-on practice.
- *Electronics Club* – for ages 10-18 – Saturday, June 20 @ 2 p.m. – Hands-on projects taught by engineers – equipment provided.

For Adults

- **Adult Book Discussions**
 - *Mystery & More* – Wednesday, June 10 @ 1 p.m. – *Day of the Jackal*
 - *Mystery & More Movie Tie-in* – Wednesday, June 17 @ 1 p.m.
 - *Between the Lines* – Monday, June 15 @ 6 p.m. – *The Art Forger*
 - *The Buzz at Cannon Coffee* – Thursday, June 25 @ 6 p.m. – *The Sandman, Vol 1, Preludes & Nocturnes*
- *Adult Game Night* – Tuesday, June 16 @ 5:45 p.m.
- *Job & Career: Résumé Assistance by Appointment* – Thursdays, June 4 & June 18 – Appointments available between 6-8 p.m. – Call to schedule.
- *Let's Speak English!* – Every Tuesday @ 6:45 p.m. – Non-native English speakers practice their skills by taking part in fun conversations and activities.
- *FREE Power Yoga with Amy* – Every Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m. – bring your own water, towel and mat.
- *Versus: Monthly Movie Showdown* – Tuesday, June 9 @ 6 p.m. – *Mirror, Mirror* versus *Snow White & the Huntsman*.

Visit www.carnegielibrary.org/locations/brookline or call 412-561-1003 for more information.

The Heritage Players Calendar of Events

June 6: Spring Theater Class Recital, 7:30 p.m. Student performances from children to adult theater classes at the Seton Center, 1900 Pioneer Avenue, Brookline (15226). Admission is free.

June 8: Auditions for “A Celebration of the Great American Songbook,” 7 p.m. at the Seton Center. Singers may prepare a short song of their choice. Sheet music or a CD is optional. Performance dates are July 11 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. and July 12 at 2 p.m. Featured will be songs from the 1930s, 40s, and 50s.

June 22 and 24: Auditions for “Seventh Annual Broadway Revue,” 7 p.m. at the Schoolhouse Arts Center, 2600 South Park Road, Bethel Park (15102). Seeking performers ages 13-19. Please prepare a one-minute dialogue and 32 bars of a Broadway song of your choice. Showcasing teen talent of scenes and music from popular Broadway show favorites. Performance dates are August 15 at 7 p.m. and August 16 at 2 p.m. at the Seton Center.

For more information or questions visit www.hpbp.org or email heritageplayers@yahoo.com.

Coming up this summer: Disney’s “Peter Pan”, “Seventh Annual Broadway Revue”

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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 June and be eligible to win a \$50 gift certificate to The Olive Garden restaurant. Visit the Breeze website at www.brooklinebreeze.com for more information.

Dollar Bank Cinema in the Park

Movies begin at dusk at the Brookline Recreation Center. Free.

June 11 – The Sandlot

June 18 – Maleficent

June 25 – Hundred Foot Journey

July 2 – The Boxtrolls

West Liberty Borough in the 19th Century

by Clint Burton

Prior to the birth of Brookline, life in West Liberty was quite different than today. While the adjacent areas of Mount Washington and the countryside along the line of the Pittsburgh and Castle Shannon Railroad were comparatively thickly settled, West Liberty was sparsely populated with scattered farms.

The surface of West Liberty Borough was much the same as the rest of Allegheny County, hilly and broken. Numerous small streams flowed through it and springs were exceedingly abundant, thus affording plenty of water and power for manufacturing purposes.

Most of the early enterprises that fed the needs of the commercial, religious and educational needs of the local residents were located along West Liberty Avenue. Espy's Tanyards, which stood at the southern end of Pioneer Avenue, supplied leather for boots, saddles and harnesses. At Wenzell Way was Kerr's Blacksmith and Horseshoe Forge. Across the street stood the Knowlson Church. Further north, at Cape May Avenue, was the original West Liberty schoolhouse.

Wilhelm's General Store was located across from Pauline Avenue. The only other store was Algeo's, located further south at Washington and Bower Hill Roads. At the northern

end of Pioneer was Boggs Grist Mill, Schaffner's Wagon Building and Repair Shop, Mensinger's rock quarry and a lumber yard.

Food, drink, and lodging were to be had at Beltzhoover's Tavern and the St. Clair Hotel, both located at the foot of Capital Avenue. Hayes Tavern stood at the southern end of Pioneer, and the West Liberty Hotel at the intersection with Warrington Avenue.



The Bell House Tavern, shown here in 1890 flying a 42-star American flag

The nearby Bell House Tavern, built in 1850, became one of the most popular destinations in the area. Over the years it served as a diner, saloon, hotel, store, post office, voting place, and a stop along the railroad line.

The Fetterman P.O. district was established in 1876 to cover the borough boundaries. The post office was located just south of Capital Avenue. The original

West Liberty schoolhouse stood at the foot of Cape May Avenue.

By the dawn of the 20th century, coal mining had become the prevalent business along the valley floors, with the remainder of West Liberty still practically all open farmland. It was a common sight on summer evenings to see a procession of wagons on their way to the city hauling produce to the markets along the Monongahela River.

What's Hot in Brookline: Antonio's Pizzeria

by Joseph Samuel Rogers



The author outside Antonio's Pizzeria

time, so I ventured inside to order a quick slice of classic cheese pizza and a can of soda.

A Friday favorite in my home has always been to order out for dinner, and we usually alternate between Chinese and pizza. Luckily for us, Brookline is home to a variety of exceptional pizza restaurants, and on nights when we did not order from our friends at Tong Garden, we had pizza delivered. The Brookline last visited Antonio's Pizzeria in June 2009 and I personally have not ordered from there in quite some

What sets Antonio's apart from other restaurants in other neighborhoods? Its bright and clean interior with multiple tables makes it a welcoming environment for Brookliners of all ages, whether they are eating in or waiting for takeout. Another perk is offering delivery for purchases \$8 or more and convenient hours to accommodate lunch, dinner, and a late-night snack. Various specials are offered daily, including two gyros with an order of fries for \$10.99 and various pizza, wing, and hoagie combination specials. For customers who are more creative than me, buffalo or barbeque chicken and Philly steak pizzas are just three of the many options on the

specialty pizza menu. Antonio's also offers a variety of salad options. There's also a wide selection of appetizers on the menu, as well as calzones, stromboli, hoagies, wedgies (folded pizza with various fillings), and wraps.

Ultimately I was very satisfied with the quality of service at Antonio's. The service was very efficient and friendly, and the slices of cheese pizza hit the spot on a cold and rainy May day. The mounds of melted cheese were very welcoming as well! Antonio's Pizzeria is a gem of Brookline, especially since it has called Brookline Boulevard home for many years.

Antonio's Pizzeria is conveniently located at 758 Brookline Boulevard, near our friends at Cannon Coffee, and offers a complete dining room in addition to take-out and delivery. Be sure to check them out on the internet at www.antoniospgh.com or stop inside for a takeout menu.

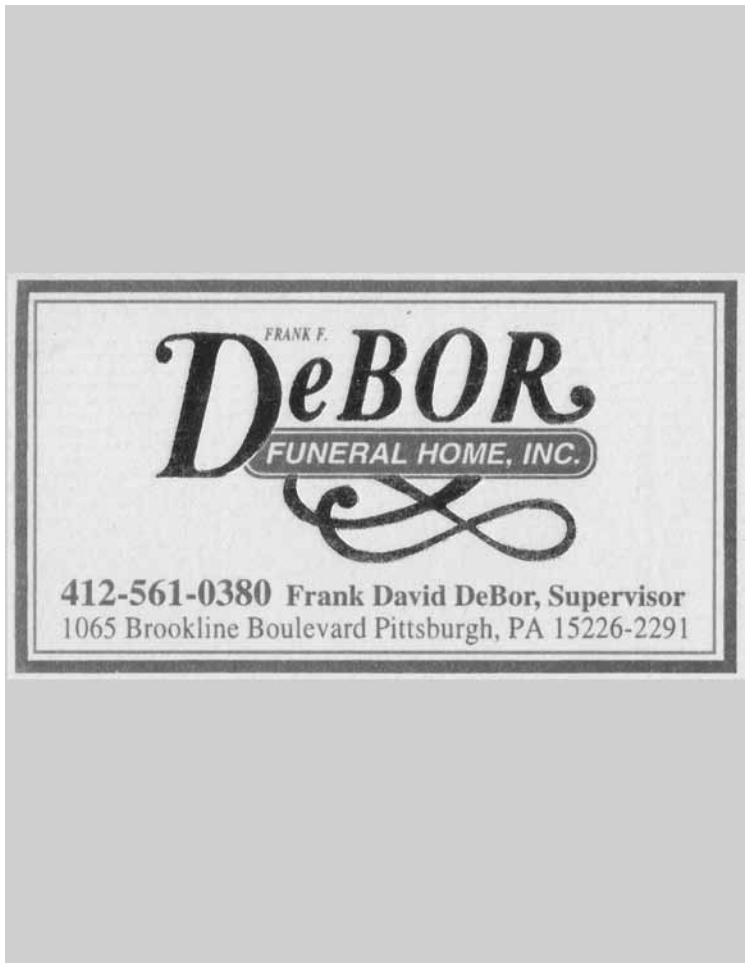
Antonio's is just another reason why it is mighty fine to dine in Brookline! I hope Brookliners will take advantage of the wonderful restaurants that call our community home.

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What's Happening at Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8

by Amy Cornelius Dembosky
Parent Volunteer

June is here and it's almost summer! We are thrilled to announce that our DIBELS results show that 80% of our kindergarten through third grade students are proficient or advanced in reading! Great job, students and teachers! The results from other measures will be available later in the year.

We continued our learning activities through May but did some fun things too, like musical field trips. Grades K-2 got to go to Heinz Hall for concerts performed by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, while third graders were treated to a swing and jazz concert at Manchester Craftsman's Guild.

Other trips included local cultural attractions. First grade spent a day at Triple B Farms and kindergarten got to visit the Pittsburgh Zoo. Kindergarten and second grade got to visit the Carnegie Museum of Art in Oakland for a tour and an art workshop.

The annual PPS Take a Father to School Day was Friday, May 15. Brookline students were able to bring a Very Important Person to school with them. VIPs visited classrooms and observed our wonderful teachers and students at work,

planted flowers to beautify our school, and created a Picasso-inspired clay face that will become part of a mural at our school.

We had our annual Fun Day carnival on May 29. Thank you to each and every person who contributed to make Fun Day happen! Our students worked very hard this year and really deserved a day to celebrate.

June events for eighth graders include the awards breakfast on June 3, and promotion, which will be held at Brashear High School's auditorium on June 5, both at 9 a.m. We would like to wish our eighth-grade class the best in all of their future endeavors. All of the Brookline staff and families have enjoyed watching you grow into the unique individuals that you have become. Best wishes for continued success in high school!

Other June events include a trip to Kennywood on June 5 for grades 6 and 7. The kindergarten celebration will be held on June 8 at 9 a.m. June 8 is also the last day of school for students, the end of another wonderful year! Report cards will be mailed on June 15, and Trifecta awards will be sent out on June 17. Have a safe and happy summer!

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

Deonne Arrington, Principal
Julie Sumper, Social Worker
Teresa Grusong-Adams, First Grade Teacher

Things are wrapping up for the school year at Pittsburgh West Liberty. We are preparing to say goodbye to our fifth-grade classmates. We wish them well as they graduate and move to their new school and next level of education. While they will be missed and we wish them success, we are welcoming our new kindergartners and organizing our resources to prepare them for their first year of formal education.

In addition to saying goodbye to the fifth graders, we are also saying goodbye to some great teachers. Ms. Barbara Wroniak, our third, fourth and fifth-grade science and social studies teacher will be retiring. Ms. Wroniak has taught for 37 years and has given her students a wealth of knowledge. She will be missed. Also, we say goodbye to Mrs. Sheryl Reitmeyer, who has taught for 20+ years with the district. She has been our fifth-grade literacy teacher and has always encouraged her students to think outside of the box. Mrs. Reitmeyer will be missed.

Putting away the tissues for a moment, we do have a reason to cry for joy as well. Our physical education teacher, Ms. Kathleen Fitzgerald, has led us through another successful "Jump Rope for Heart" campaign. Our school's goal was \$3,000 and the total raised was \$3,316. Our top fundraiser was Ms. Brooke Synowiec of the first grade, who earned \$240.



Top fundraiser, Brooke Synowiec

Our fifth-grade promotion is scheduled for June 5 and our kindergarten promotion is on June 4. While we are looking forward to summer activities, we encourage our children to participate in the local library reading program to help keep their skills sharp. We wish everyone a restful and fun-filled summer. Remember, Pittsburgh West Liberty is "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."

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