

DeLuca's Bakery, Deli, and Grocery

by Dan Kaczmariski



Robert (left) and Bart DeLuca at their Boulevard Shop
Pawsburgh Photography

Mortadella, capicola, pasticciotti, cannoli. The words trip musically off the tongue and make the mouth water. Brookliners now need travel no farther than to DeLuca's on the Boulevard to fill their shopping bag with iconic Italian food.

Victor DeLuca specialized in bread baking most of his working career and always wanted to open a bakery. When he and his wife Nancy, and their sons Robert and Bart, learned that Kribel's, an already established bakery was for sale, they were grateful for the opportunity to take over the location.

But they had a vision of a special kind of bakery – and more. They wanted to create an identity as a distinctively Italian bakery, deli, and grocery store.

While keeping some of the most popular Kribel's items, such as cakes and thumbprint cookies, they moved their offerings in a very Italian direction, an emphasis that's going to take a significant leap forward over the next several weeks. The first clue from the street will be the shop's outdoor sign, which will be changed from "DeLuca's Bakery" to "DeLuca's Bakery, Deli, and Grocery."

The shop has been a hybrid bakery/deli for a number of months now, with a display case of Boar's Head luncheon meats and a variety of cheeses across the aisle from freshly baked goods. The store's product line will soon be expanding to include soups, salads, olives, pastas, and other items.

For customers who don't want to wait until they get home to enjoy their Italian luncheon meats, the shop offers ready-made hoagies. "We sell tons of them," says Robert. "These are real Italian hoagies. We put the capicola, the sopressata, the mortadella, and cheeses, all on our Italian bread."

The family considers Victor DeLuca's Italian bread to be one of a kind— four ingredients and no preservatives. "It's not just about the ingredients," says Robert, "but how it's made." DeLuca's already has a couple of wholesale customers for the bread, including Penn Mac in the Strip District, and hopes to expand that part of its business.

Patrons with a sweet tooth need not worry they will be left out. The bakery side of the business will continue going strong. Cakes, pastries and cookies will still be a large part of the DeLuca's experience, with items such as Italian wedding cookies, pasticciotti, napoleons, cannoli, lady locks, rum cakes, torte (almond), spice cookies and pizzelles.

For customers at the Boulevard store who wish to linger over a sfogliatelle and watch the world go by, the shop will have outside tables and serve coffee.

The DeLucas consider themselves fortunate to be in their current location. "So many nice people," says Robert. "It's a friendly atmosphere."

"We struck it lucky," says Bart. "It's a great neighborhood. We hope to be here the next 25, 30, 40 years."

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| June | Total | Brookline |
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| Zone 6 Crimes | | |
| Aggravated Assault | 7 | 2 |
| Robbery | 5 | 0 |
| Arson | 1 | 0 |
| Burglary | 27 | 4 |
| Theft | 25 | 10 |
| Theft from Vehicle | 7 | 2 |
| Stolen Vehicle | 2 | 0 |

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AUGUST COMMUNITY MEETINGS

August 10 Monday

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

August 11 Tuesday

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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.

Free Lunch for Kids

At St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 933 Brookline Blvd. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through August 14. Noon-1 p.m. A program of the PA Department of Education and the USDA. Sponsored by The United Methodist Church Union's Kids Meal Network, www.umchurchunionpgh.com.

Fundraisers

Is your Brookline community church, school, or other non-profit holding a fundraiser? We'd like to list it in the Brookline. To have your event listed, contact thebrookline@gmail.com or pdkaz@comcast.net. Please include "Fundraiser" in the subject line.

Bingo. Every Monday, Church of the Resurrection. Doors open 5:00 p.m.; bingo begins 7:00 p.m. 412-563-4400.

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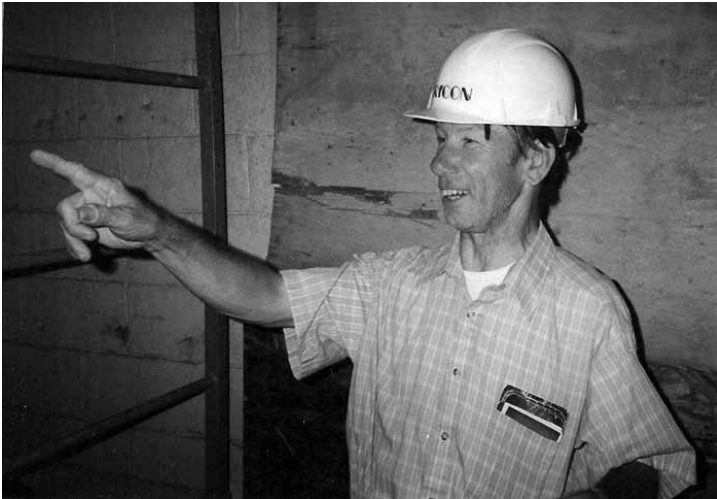
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A Tribute to "Brother" George Gilfoyle



George at work.

It's a rare person who can make you feel happy just by showing up. For as long as most Brookliners can remember, "Brother" George Gilfoyle has been that ray of sunshine in the community.

This month, Brother George will be recognized in a very special way befitting a very special person. A tribute plaque honoring George will be mounted at the Brookline firehouse. It will be the first plaque honoring a living person that the City of Pittsburgh has ever approved for display on city property.

As this newsletter went to print, the goal was to hold the dedication ceremony as part of the August 8 Breezefest. Fire Chief Thomas Cook and Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak are planning to attend.

The plaque was spearheaded by Doug Brendel and funded by donations. Doug says that his presentation to the City Art Commission last year touched their hearts and the Commission voted unanimously to approve display of the plaque.

Here are some excerpts from the profile of George that Clint Burton so eloquently wrote for the Brookline Connection (www.brooklineconnection.com).

. . . When George was ten, his family . . . moved to Brookline . . . George soon became a regular visitor at the Brookline firehouse. By age twelve he was spending so much time there, and was so helpful and inquisitive, that the firemen began assigning him various volunteer duties.

. . . [H]e was named an honorary member of the firehouse crew. His assignment was to inspect the Gamewell fire alarm

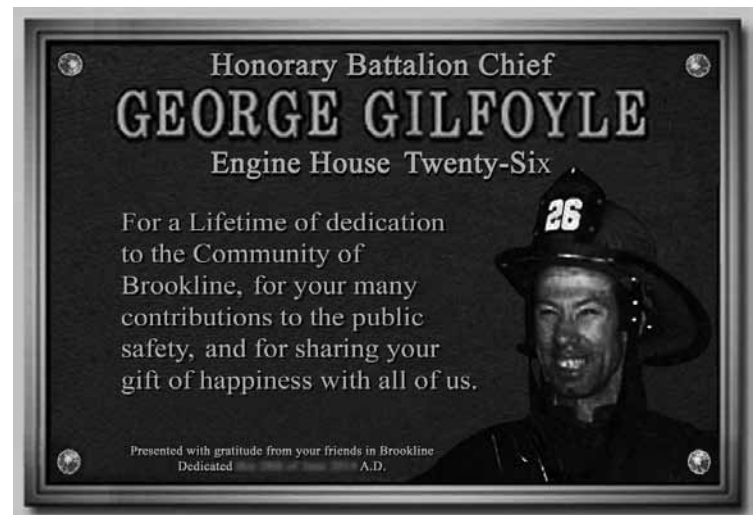
boxes that were installed on telephone poles around the community. This was a very important job, and George went about his task with due diligence and devotion.

Armed with his clipboard, flashlight and radio, he would travel the streets of Brookline, going from one alarm box to the next. He would report in to the station and then test the boxes to make sure they were in working order. In the event of a neighborhood fire, George would take off running and often arrive at the scene before the fire truck and crew . . .

. . . . George got to know most everyone in Brookline. He was always ready to stop and talk to his many friends. He had a special way of interacting with people of all ages. He would ask the kids how they were doing in school and take the time to educate them on fire safety. He was always kind to the ladies and enjoyed having a cup of coffee with his many acquaintances on the boulevard. Anytime a friend would pass by and shout "Hello, Brother George," he would stop in his tracks and wave warmly until the passerby was out-of-sight. He loved being around people . . .

In 2000, George was named an honorary Battalion Chief, an honor that he held dear to his heart. George remained at his post in the firehouse until 2004, when health issues forced him to stay closer to home. [Editor's note: The great news is that George is once again very much out and about.]

"Brother" George Gilfoyle is one of those rare individuals that have a special talent for making people happy. He has touched and inspired the lives of so many people over the years and, in his own unique way, has done as much as anyone to make the community of Brookline a better place . . .



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Free Lunch and Snack

A free lunch and snack program runs through August 14. Lunch is served at the Center 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Snack begins at 2:30 p.m. Must be age 18 or younger.

Yoga in the Park

Free Yoga in the Park is back! Have fun and relax with instructors from South Hills Power Yoga at Dan McGibbeny Memorial Field, every Saturday in August except August 8. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; rain or shine. Please remember your mat.

Flea Markets

The Recreation Center is hosting Flea Market/Craft Shows again this summer. Free spots are available. Bring your own table. Saturday August 1.

Dollar Bank Free Cinema in the Park

A great free family night out! Each Thursday in August.
August 6 – Earth to Echo (PG)
August 13 – When the Game Stands Tall (PG)
August 20 – The Princess and the Frog (G)
August 27 – McFarland, USA (PG)

Breeze Car Cruise

The 2nd Car Cruise of the summer kicks off the Brookline Breeze and Breezefest weekend! Friday August 7, 5 p.m. until dusk. Come join the fun with your classic car or just come and enjoy all the other cars. There will be food, fun, music, and friends!

Call the Center for more information:

412-571-3222

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Saturday, August 8

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Church of the Resurrection

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Contact Terri Ward tward@itxm.org or 412-209-7076

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Join Rep. Deasy & staff at a Meet & Greet at the Library on

**Wednesday,
August 19
6:00pm**

State Rep. Dan Deasy will have office hours at the Beechview Library on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30am - 2:30pm.

State Senator Wayne Fontana and State Representatives Dan Deasy, Dan Miller, and Harry Readshaw requested that we include a copy of the following joint letter in this month's newsletter.

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July 7, 2015

Alice Mitinger, Chairwoman
City of Pittsburgh Zoning Board of Adjustment
200 Ross Street, 3rd Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

RE: APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EXEMPTION AT 2681 WADDINGTON AVE., PITTSBURGH

Dear Chairwoman Mitinger,

Brookline residents were informed that individuals associated with the property at 2681 Waddington Avenue are going before the Zoning Board of Adjustment to request a special exemption that would allow them to place a community home serving individuals who have been released from inpatient drug and alcohol rehabilitation at this location. Currently, the area is zoned residential.

We were recently invited to a community meeting where residents expressed their positions on the request. The vast majority voiced strong opposition. This opposition is based on many concerns, including but not limited to: safety issues for children given the property's close proximity to a school (Saint John Bosco Academy); impact on their residential property values; parking concerns in this already congested residential area; potential criminal background of residents of such a facility; long-term sustainability of the school if this facility is located across the street; disruptiveness of what could potentially be round-the-clock activity at the facility; and more.

As elected state officials for the Brookline community, we hear the concerns of our residents. We would like to relay that the residents who attended this meeting and those who have called or emailed are overwhelmingly opposed to the granting of this special exemption by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. We recognize the need for these type of facilities but given the location and community opposition to this particular facility, we support the majority opinion. As their elected officials, we join them in opposing the granting of this exemption.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Wayne Fontana in black ink.

STATE SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

Handwritten signature of Dan Deasy in black ink.

STATE REP. DAN DEASY

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STATE REP. HARRY READSHAW

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STATE REP. DAN MILLER

Brookline Christian Food Pantry

by Dan Kaczmariski

Editor's note: When it comes to helping others, Brookline is blessed with people who walk the walk. Many residents look after their neighbors. Others also sacrifice their time and money to assist volunteer organizations that provide a helping hand. Over the next several months, The Brookline will highlight some of the local volunteer groups, starting this month with the Brookline Christian Food Pantry.

For the past 31 years, Pat Erny has been synonymous with the Brookline Christian Food Pantry. She and her husband, James, were quite a team with the organization until he passed away in 2013. One of Pat's regrets is that health issues now keep her from the front-lines of food distribution, but she still works on the administrative end of things. We sat down with Pat recently to discuss how the Food Pantry works.

Pat describes the Food Pantry's mission simply: "We basically give out food to individuals and families who need it."

The Food Pantry is a member agency of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. The Food Bank's facility in Duquesne, Pa, is a clearinghouse for food that local pantries purchase at rates much lower than it would cost otherwise.

The Brookline Christian Food Pantry buys food using financial donations from community churches and other donors and supplements it with food donated to the Pantry.

Working out of the Brookline Boulevard United Presbyterian Church (across from the Cannon) in conjunction with other

local churches, the Food Pantry opens its doors from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of each month to distribute food free of charge to those who qualify. Income guidelines are provided by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and can be found at their website at www.pittsburghfoodbank.org.

That's the framework, but it would all be just on paper if it weren't for the volunteers who sacrifice their time and money to give the Pantry a heart and soul. Pat estimates 15 to 25 volunteers work on collecting and distributing the food. Most recently, the Food Pantry distributed to 144 individuals and families.

Pat says the need cuts across generations. "We have a lot of elderly...families... young families...people out of work... those that are partially working and who still need food."

The Food Pantry distributes both shelf stable and perishable foods. It also provides formula and diapers for infants and pet food when it is available. Under the Food Bank guidelines, the Brookline Food Pantry is required to limit its service

area to those residing within Brookline's boundaries, with the exception of some parts of Overbrook and some emergency situations. If someone has an emergency when a regular distribution isn't scheduled, they should call Pat. The Brookline Food Pantry is the only one in the South Hills whose services include responding to emergencies.

To become a Food Pantry recipient, individuals representing themselves or their family need to bring a PA driver's license or photo license, proof of income, and a utility bill when possible.

Here's How You Can Help

The Brookline Christian Food Pantry needs donations and volunteer workers. Donations can be monetary, grocery store gift cards or in the form of food, formula, diapers or pet food. There is a box for donations at CVS Pharmacy on Brookline Boulevard. Workers are needed the Thursday before distribution and Saturdays from around 9 to 10:30 a.m. to help unload supply trucks. On the second Saturday of each month, volunteers are needed starting around 8 a.m. to prepare and help with distribution. To volunteer or donate, or for more information, call Pat Erny at 412-344-8451.




Pat Erny: 31 years and counting with the Food Pantry

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For All Ages

- Crochet and Knitting Fun – Saturdays, August 8 and 22 @ 1 p.m.

For Kids

- Tween Workshop Tuesdays for ages 7-11 – Tuesdays @ 3 p.m.
- Storytime: Toddler and Preschooler Tales – Mondays except August 31 @ 6:30 p.m., Thursdays @ 11 a.m.
- Kids Club – Wednesdays @ 3 p.m.
- STEM Imagination Builders: Block Party – Saturdays, August 1, 15 and 29 @ 10:30 a.m.
- Kids Create: Crazy Craft Saturdays – Saturdays, August 1, 15 and 29 @ 2 p.m.

For Teens

- Pokémon League for ages 8-18 – Mondays @ 3 p.m.

- Teen Time – Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.
- Gaming Club – Thursdays except August 27 @ 2 p.m.
- Intro to Guitar – Thursday, August 6 @ 7 p.m., Saturday, August 15 @ 12 p.m.
- Electronics Club – for ages 10-18 – Saturday, August 29 @ 2 p.m.

For Adults

- Book Discussions
 - Mystery & More – Wednesday, August 12 @ 1 p.m.
 - Between the Lines – Monday, August 17 @ 6 p.m.
 - The Buzz at Cannon Coffee – Thursday, August 27 @ 6 p.m.
- Game Night – Tuesday, August 18 @ 5:45 p.m.
- Résumé Assistance by Appointment – Thursdays, August 13 and 27 – Half-hour slots available between 6-8 p.m. – Call to schedule.
- Let's Speak English! – Tuesdays @ 6:45 p.m.
- Power Yoga with Amy – Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. – bring water, a towel and mat.
- Film Discussion – Tuesday, August 11 @ 6 p.m.

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The Heritage Players Summer Schedule

Enjoy live entertainment at the newly air-conditioned Seton Center Auditorium!

Disney's *Peter Pan, Jr.*: July 31-August 2, and August 7-9 at the Seton Center. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. \$7 in advance online at www.bphp.org/xu35a or \$10 at the door.

Auditions for the musical, *The Secret Garden*: Sunday August 9, 7 p.m., Seton Center. An additional audition will be held on August 10, 7 p.m., at the Schoolhouse Arts Center, 2600 South Park Road, Bethel Park. Seeking ages 10 to adult. Please prepare a short monologue and song. Performance dates are October 16-18 and 23-25 at the Seton Center.

Seventh Annual Broadway Revue: Saturday, August 15, 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 16, 2 p.m. at the Seton Center. Showcasing teen talent with scenes and music from show favorites. \$7 in advance online at www.bphp.org/xu35a or \$10 at the door.

The Heritage Players will offer an 8-week session of acting classes for all ages beginning in September. Visit www.bphp.org for upcoming information, descriptions, and online registration.

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What's Hot in Brookline: Changes at Resurrection

by Joseph Samuel Rogers



After nearly 13 years of service and charity in Brookline, Father Frank Mitolo, pastor of the Church of the Resurrection on Creedmoor Avenue, retired from active ministry in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on July 13. Upon his appointment as pastor in 2002, Father Mitolo was only the seventh pastor in the parish's 107-year-old history.

Fr. Frank Mitolo

Prior to arriving at Resurrection, he served as chaplain at Allegheny General Hospital, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Beechview, chaplain at Mercy Hospital, and parochial vicar at Holy Trinity Parish in Robinson Township and St. Mary Parish in Beaver Falls.

Father Mitolo has overseen multiple improvement projects at the parish during his tenure, the most recent being the

resurfacing of the parking lots on the parish property. Other projects include updated light fixtures in the church, a repaved courtyard, and new signage. Eagle Scout candidates from Boy Scout Troop 6 have also completed service projects benefiting the church, such as improvements to the church's social hall and Garden Room, among others.

Father Mitolo also maintained an active role in the community's regional school, Saint John Bosco Academy (formerly Brookline Regional Catholic, as it remains in my heart), celebrating Masses for students and serving on the school board and former finance council.

In a time of change and transition in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, especially in the Catholic community of Brookline, Father Mitolo has been a consistent face over the past 13 years. Brookline is most grateful to him for maintaining an active profile here by participating in community events, patronizing local businesses, and supporting parishioners. Father Robert W. Fleckenstein, a diocesan priest ordained in 2010, was appointed Administrator of Resurrection Parish effective July 13, 2015 by Bishop David Zubik.

Brookline Breeze



The 34th annual Brookline Breeze 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Mini-Breeze will be held Saturday, August 8, 2015. Visit the Breeze website at www.brooklinebreeze.com for more information.

New and Improved Breezefest

SPDC, Rohrich Toyota, and the Brookline Chamber of Commerce invite you to the August 8 Breezefest on Brookline Boulevard, a family-friendly street fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Breezefest begins right after the Brookline Breeze with all the favorite things from last year's Brookline Unveiled.

After the race, part of the Boulevard will remain closed to traffic. Vendors and food trucks will line the street, with live entertainment and activities. Visit local merchants to buy hot dogs, gyros, tacos, pizza, barbeque, coffee, ice cream, and more. For more information, contact spdc.brookline@gmail.com. To register as a vendor, see page 12 of this newsletter.

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Old Notes By Old People

by Cliff Gorski

Even though I drive into the city once a week for work, I rarely see anything beyond my destination of Seventh and Smithfield. As kids, when we were old enough, we would hop the 41D and ride into town. I still can't believe we were allowed to make this trip – alone – at the age of 12. Times were different and this is certainly a trip I would not allow a 12 year old to make alone today.

We had clear destinations in mind. National Record Mart was downtown, so we would get our favorite 45's and bring them home. We could buy our Pirate tickets at the window at Murphy's on 5th Avenue. It was relatively safe and, as long as we didn't miss our bus back to Brookline, it was a cool place to spend a summer afternoon.

Recently, I had a great "rediscovery" when we decided to spend the Fourth of July downtown. Our first stop was PNC Park to watch the Pirates battle the Cleveland Indians. I am too young to have seen or remember anything about Forbes Field. And, even though I watched the implosion of Three

Rivers Stadium with sadness, I think PNC Park is the most magnificent ball park in the country with the view of the city as its backdrop. The fireworks were equally as magnificent.

Until my employer moved us out of downtown, I would commute every day into the city, fighting the traffic and the jaywalkers. I would grit my teeth as I made my way through the crowds of people trying to get to work. And then, I would arrive in my cocoon – my former office on the 21st floor of what is now the BNY Mellon Building. My office had a great view over to Mount Washington and onto Grant Street with a view towards the old Greyhound station. Despite this prime location, I never really spent much time downtown eating or shopping. I would go to work and go home. My family would want me to take them into the city and I would say "Why? I'm there every day. What do you think you're missing?"

I can now answer my own question—I missed a lot. This little Fourth of July excursion has changed my point of view. It truly is a beautiful city and I hope to get reacquainted again and again.



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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. Application fee, \$45. 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.

Inaugural Brookline Community Yard Sale

The Inaugural Brookline Community Yard Sale will be held Saturday, August 15 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., hosted by SPDC. Participants will sell their wares on their front yards, driveways and in their garages, while residents and visitors stroll and browse for bargains. We anticipate visitors from all over Pittsburgh to attend. For a small fee (\$15), sellers register with SPDC in order to be included on the Yard Sale Map and Hot List. In addition to printing the map, registration fees are used for advertising the sale to the Pittsburgh community in newspaper ads, signage, and a banner at the corner of Brookline Blvd and Pioneer Ave.

We have several unique additions to help make your sale a success. First, the Hot List will catalog up to three interesting items you may have for sale. Second, we will have a donation drop-off area available at the end of the day so instead of returning your unsold items to storage, sellers can donate them. We will have two information tables set up, one in the Moore Park parking lot and another on Brookline Blvd where shoppers can pick up maps and hot lists. In addition, we will be hosting two Food Trucks on Brookline Blvd and the Moore Park parking lot. Please join us to make the 1st Annual Brookline Community Yard Sale a success! Register online at spdc.brookline@gmail.com using a credit card/PayPal.



Brookline Neighborhood Yard Sale

Saturday, August 15, 8 AM

Want to clear some attic space? Join the 1st Annual
Brookline Community Yard Sale!

The South Pittsburgh Development Corporation is coordinating this event and we need you! We expect more than a thousand bargain hunters walking the neighborhood.

Community Yard Sale maps and “Hot List” item listings will be available to visitors attending the Breezefest the week prior and at several locations and information booths the day of the sale. Along with participation from local businesses, we will be hosting food trucks at Moore Park and Brookline Blvd.

It's easy to participate. Register at spdc.brookline@gmail.com using a credit card/PayPal. Your payment covers advertising and printing costs for maps, signs and address/sale item listings. Form will be accepted through Tuesday, August 4.

Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8 Ready to Welcome Students Back

by John Vater, Principal
Amy Cornelius Dembosky, Parent Volunteer

Please plan to join us on Thursday, August 27, 2015, from 5–7 p.m. for our annual Welcome Back to School event. This will be an opportunity for parents and guardians to visit the school with their children to see their new classrooms and hear about the many exciting opportunities for the upcoming school year. We will also utilize this time to introduce our new staff members and inform families of some new school procedures.

The Brookline Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is seeking volunteers for the new school year. They will be on hand at our Welcome Back to School event to promote upcoming programs. The PTA is a very active organization and they have at least one activity per month that benefits our students. The executive board members look forward to speaking with everyone who is interested in helping out at our wonderful school.

As a result of parent and student feedback gathered through surveys and parent engagement sessions, we are pleased to announce that students will now be permitted to arrive at 7:40 a.m. This is a full fifteen minutes earlier than last year and should provide students with plenty of time to eat a free breakfast and prepare for the day. This also should provide ample arrival time for parents who drop off their children, eliminating many of the traffic and congestion concerns that have been brought to our attention.

The first day of school for students in grades 1-8 is Monday, August 31, 2015. The first day for students entering kindergarten is Thursday, September 3. It is not too late to register for kindergarten! For information about how to register and what paperwork is needed, please visit <http://www.pps.k12.pa.us/enrollment>.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

And This Year's Winners Are...

Have you been pondering whether this is the year that cracked and cratered road in front of your house will be repaved?

The City of Pittsburgh wants you to wonder no more. Thanks to the city's 2015 Paving Project Viewer, you can instantly either be gratified to discover your road is soon getting a facelift or irate to learn it didn't make this year's cut.

The site to go to is pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/street-paving-program. According to the Department of Public works, the city uses street condition data from the City's Pavement Management System, citizen requests through 311, and condition reports from the Public Works Street Maintenance Division to develop its paving program. From the webpage, you can access the current status of planned paving projects.

Spoiler alert— here are the Brookline roads still scheduled for paving in 2015: Elmbank St. in the area of Fernhill and Mayville, August 1-21; Cedric Ave., August 1-October 31.

A section of Pioneer Ave. heading toward Brookline Blvd. from around the Seton Center had been slated for work this year, but was bumped to next year because Pennsylvania American Water has a water line replacement scheduled for the first quarter of 2016.

And although it's just outside the Brookline boundary, motorists who lost hubcaps on Wenzell Avenue last winter will be glad to know it's on the drawing board for this August 1- October 31.

Already completed this year are parts of Bellaire Ave., Creedmoor Pl., Chrysler St., Merrick Ave., Seaton St. and Whited St. If you think your street should not have been left off the list, the city emphasizes that it takes those 311 calls seriously.



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