

BreezeFest 2015

by Kathleen Keating

“Wow, what a perfect day,” was the sentiment among volunteers Saturday, August 8, as this year’s BreezeFest drew to a close and Brookline Boulevard reopened to traffic. The thousands who attended during the day could certainly agree. The revitalized BreezeFest followed the annual Brookline Breeze, bringing together food trucks, street vendors, live music, and children’s activities for a fun-filled afternoon.

Building on the success of last year’s Brookline Unveiled, BreezeFest attracted throngs of people to the new and improved Brookline Boulevard. Attendees patronized local businesses, danced to music performed by musicians signed

by Brookline’s own Wild Kindness Records, made crafts with their children, and stopped by the many sidewalk vendors.

BreezeFest was hosted by the Brookline Chamber of Commerce and the South Pittsburgh Development Corporation. Rohrich Toyota was the generous premier sponsor. Other sponsors included the Brookline Area Community Council, PNC, Community Bank, Sam’s Club, and the City of Pittsburgh Department of Parks and Recreation. The event is entirely volunteer-run and the committee is always looking for more volunteers and community suggestions for improving the event. Contact spdc.brookline@gmail.com for more information on how to participate.



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July		
Zone 6 Crimes	Total	Brookline
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Aggravated Assault	2	0
Robbery	4	1
Burglary	16	2
Theft	23	7
Stolen Vehicle	2	0

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SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY MEETINGS

September 8 Tuesday

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

September 14 Monday

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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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Appreciation

It is with sorrow that we note the passing of Charles ("Charlie") McLaughlin. Charlie served the community for many years in many and varied ways and from 1985-2010 was District Justice of the 19th Ward. He will be missed.

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Thank You!

by Keith Knecht



Cannon Coffee's Nate Mallory

It's unusual to call something that's been around 5-1/2 years an institution. It was just that long ago, in the winter of 2010, that Nate Mallory and Ben Haake opened Cannon Coffee. That the shop feels like a Brookline icon is a testament to its owners' vision, hospitality, energy, and commitment to the community. This month, as the establishment changes ownership, Keith Knecht reflects on Cannon Coffee and the dynamo that is Nate Mallory.

A couple of weeks ago, I strolled into Cannon Coffee for my daily mug of black joe, to sit in the red chairs and collect my thoughts for a few moments. Owner Nate Mallory was chatting up a new customer with his usual enthusiasm that we've all come to know. It made me chuckle and I thought "some things never change." Though at times I question his sanity, he's a one-man community juggernaut and resident kamikaze pilot. I've often said that a substantial positive turning point for the Boulevard was the arrival of Cannon Coffee in February of 2010.

That winter, my wife and I watched from across the street with much anticipation as they built the space. If my memory serves me correctly, a storm dumped two feet of snow the evening before Nate and Ben Haake opened the doors for

the first day of business. They took it as an opportunity to welcome intrepid shovelers in for a hot drink. Those first years were magical; no one had ever used their imagination in the way they were, not just in Brookline, but in the entire 19th ward.

Cannon brought offbeat culture, youthful thinking and a community hub to a neighborhood that largely had no idea what those things even were. Nate's magnanimous nature and idea factory coupled with old-fashioned blarney made it a fun place and drew people together regardless of their stripe. Cannon Coffee became the official clubhouse of community do-gooders and creatives. Over the years many dozens of meetings, political appearances, parties, reading groups, clean-ups, musical acts, poetry slams, and every other type of gathering has been staged there.

The shop has served as a sort of anchor of cultural vitality. It helped draw interest in the potential of Brookline Boulevard and Nate himself is a frontman for what a great place Brookline is, particularly to the under-40 set. In nearly every local paper feature about Brookline, Cannon Coffee was mentioned as a place to experience.

My father used to tell me as a lad "the only constant is change." So it was ironic that moments after the thought of "some things never change" entered my head, Nate took me aside and told me he was selling his business.

I was not entirely surprised since I knew that he was itchy to try something new and possibly go in another direction. A personality with as much mercurial quality as Nate's requires change and new challenges. He gave it a solid five years of effort and right down to the wire he was experimenting with new items and ways to make the Cannon Coffee experience better.

Certainly his patrons and many friends will be sad to see the Master of Ceremonies hang up his megaphone and top hat. How could we not? He is one of kind and a founding father of the idea that Brookline can be "cool" too. Without the serendipitous meeting of Mr. Mallory, I would have never met the many wonderful friends acquired in the last 5 years.

So as we close the Cannon Coffee era and look forward to the dawn of new ownership, we thank Cannon Coffee and Nate for the significant effort in moving Brookline toward being a better place. I wish Nate all the best in his next voyage.

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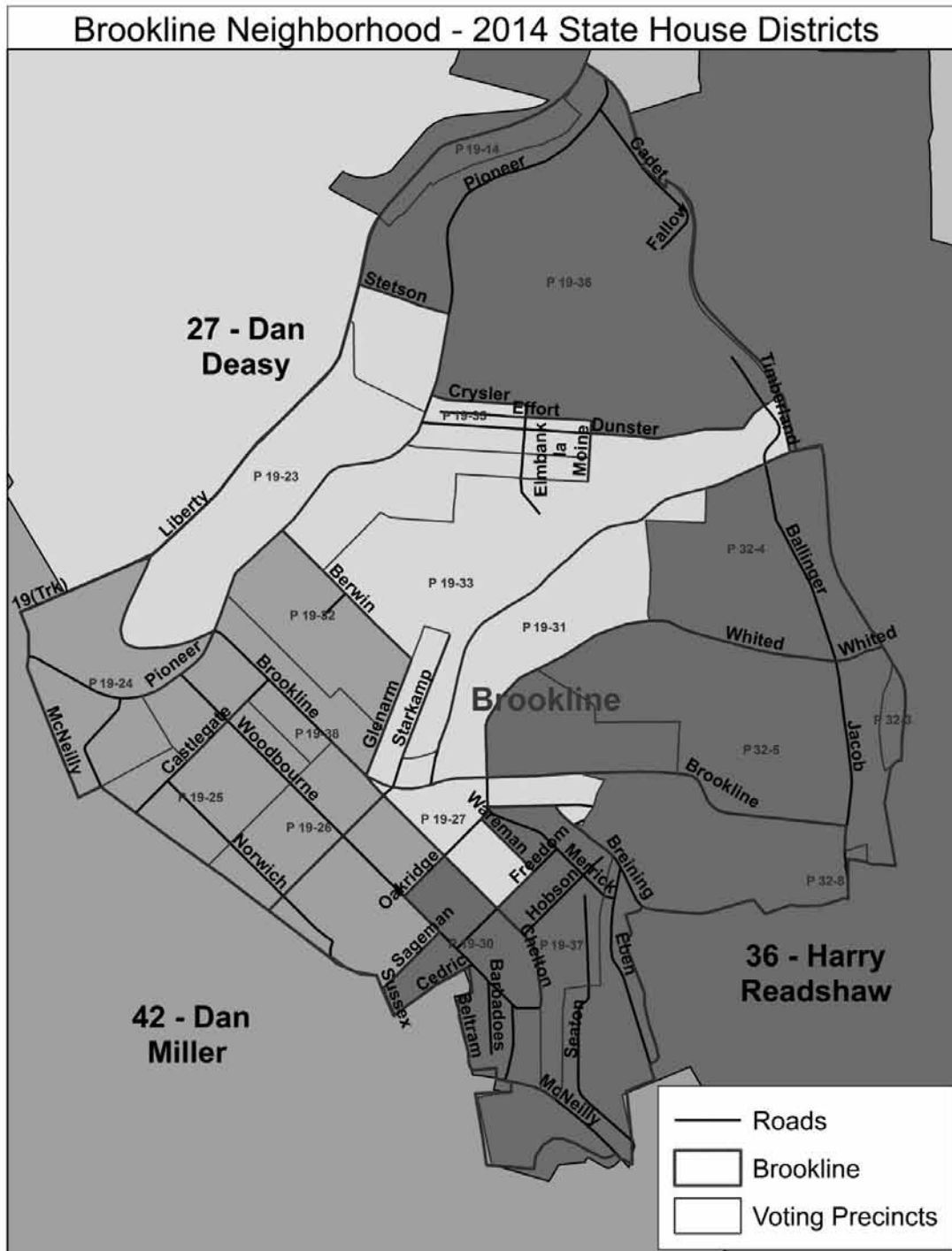
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What District Are You In?

In June 2012, the Pennsylvania Legislative Reapportionment Commission voted to change the state's legislative district map and the state Supreme Court upheld the plan in May 2013. One of the effects of the change was that Brookline became part of three different state voting districts.

While each of the state representatives who currently represent part of Brookline—Rep. Dan Deasy, Rep. Dan Miller, and Rep. Harry Readshaw--have been supportive of the community, many Brookliners aren't sure which district is theirs.

To help out, here's a map of Brookline showing the district boundaries.



Map Provided by the Office of Representative Dan Deasy

Brookline Meals on Wheels

by Dan Kaczmarek

Except for Memorial Day, Christmas, and road-closing winter days, there are no weekdays off for Brookline's Meals on Wheels. The rest of the year, Monday through Friday, program volunteers show up at clients' doors with a hot meal, a bagged lunch, and a smile.

Carol Ingold, Site Manager of the program, and her husband Howie have been helping make Meals on Wheels happen since 1991.

The Brookline program was started in 1972. Carol says most of the clientele for the program, which is sponsored by and based at St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church on Brookline Boulevard, are seniors trying to stay in their own home and handicapped people. Currently about 50 clients are being served, but Carol says that number fluctuates



Carol and Howie Ingold

For funding, the local program receives an annual City grant, some money from the Brookline Breeze, and other contributions, but it depends largely on the \$25 weekly fee its clients pay to be part of the program. However, says Carol, she's never turned anyone away. "We depend on people's generosity. A lot of people at St. Mark's will contribute. If I have a client who can't pay anything, the people here will sponsor that person."

Each weekday morning, volunteers lay out cards with clients' names on tables in the church's kitchen hall. The cards indicate any dietary instructions and the type of bread and milk the client has requested. Each card gets a filled lunch bag, which is joined with the hot meal of the day, prepared on-site by four

or five volunteers in the kitchen. The day I visited, the hot meal was barbecued pulled pork, mashed potatoes, and green beans. The bagged lunch included a salad, a sandwich, bread for the hot meal, milk, and a dessert.

Currently, there are five delivery teams of two people each—a driver and a "visitor." The visitor takes the meal into the home and chats with the client. Delivery teams leave the hall about 10:30 a.m. and usually finish about an hour later.

Carol says sometimes teams have done more than just deliver meals. "I've had people go to the store for some clients. It's not that common, but it does happen.

Or the client might ask them to do some little thing while they're there, or mail a letter. The volunteers are very nice to do that."

And sometimes the visit can be a lifesaver. Recently, when a delivery team received no response at a client's door, they went to the back and heard her voice from within. After getting a key from a neighbor, they found the client lying in the basement and called an ambulance to take her to the hospital.

The program used to operate under the auspices of the Lutheran Services Society and the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging, but has since become an independent kitchen. "Mostly, if you want to get Meals on Wheels, you'd call the area Agency on Aging senior line," says Carol. "But here, you can call us directly."

"We're here to help people get a good, nutritious meal-- people who would normally have to go into a home because they can't cook for themselves. We like to think we're helping them stay at home where they're more comfortable."

Here's How You Can Help

Meals on Wheels can use volunteers to be on its substitute list and monetary contributions. Also, dessert donations are always welcomed. "It can be whatever kind of dessert people like to make," says Carol. "Fruit, Jello, cakes, cookies, whatever. Or if someone would like to contribute money, we'll buy desserts." To volunteer, donate, or apply to be a client, call Carol at 412-343-8144.

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Council Woman Natalia Rudiak: Update on 2681 Waddington Avenue



Many of you have heard about the proposed drug and alcohol treatment facility on Waddington Avenue, and many residents are opposed to this development. My goal is to make sure you have all the facts and the tools you need to weigh in on this important issue. Some leaders are telling residents what they want to hear because it's

easier than trying to work through the actual problem. But that's just not me. The best thing we can do is to understand how the law works and how the Zoning Board must decide on this issue.

I have been hands-on with this issue from the start. I attended the first zoning board meeting and hired mediators to referee this heated conversation. I organized two public meetings at St. Pius X Church, met with the owner, Dr. Rafi, and ensured that he answered the community's questions in writing and in person. I also passed legislation on City Council requiring City Planning to compile a list of other similar facilities across the City, so we know if there are others in the neighborhood, and if so, where. My goal here is to be realistic and straightforward, and not distort the issue.

Here are the basics.

Dr. Rafi bought the property from the Catholic Diocese in October 2013 for \$330,000 and has requested a zoning change to this property he owns.

The property is zoned as a personal care residence and was used as such for around 50 years by the Diocese. Dr. Rafi is seeking a special exception under the Zoning Code to use the existing structure as a "community home." This is the designation in the code that would enable him to use the facility as a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center. Dr. Rafi's application describes the intended activity at this facility as providing psychotherapy, counseling, and other non-medical treatments for people in recovery.

The definition of "community home" is a group of more than eight unrelated disabled persons living together as a single housekeeping unit with shared common facilities and who may receive aid in readjusting to everyday life after a hospitalization. This does not include halfway houses for people leaving a correctional facility.

Who makes the zoning decision? The Zoning Board of Adjustments.

The Zoning Board consists of three people and it is a quasi-judicial body. This means that it has powers and procedures resembling a court of law and appeals must go through the courts. The board meets weekly to hear cases like this-- zoning changes, variances, and special exceptions to the Zoning Code. This decision *cannot* be influenced by the Mayor or by Council. The Zoning Board is obligated to make decisions based on the law, and the law only. Zoning decisions may be appealed in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.

So what laws are relevant in the Zoning Board's decision?

1. *The Zoning Code*: See above.
2. *The Americans with Disabilities Act*: Simply stated, federal law defines disability. Those who are alcoholics and addicted to narcotics, but who are *not currently using* are considered disabled and protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act, passed by Congress in 1990.
3. *The Fair Housing Act*: Because addiction is defined as a disability, the Fair Housing Act, passed in 1968, says that it's illegal for private landlords or public entities to tell disabled people where they can or cannot live. We cannot create Zoning Code that says "we will not allow people with addictions to live in x, y, or z blocks, buildings, or neighborhoods."

What does this mean? It means that the Zoning Board of Adjustments cannot use the fact that the people Dr. Rafi would be housing are addicts as a reason to vote against the proposal. It means that the Zoning Board of Adjustments can only use the clear-cut guidelines in the Zoning Code to rule on the application. Anything else is considered discriminatory and would open up the city to be sued for that discrimination.

This means that the City would spend tax dollars on lawyers to defend the decision. And, at the end of the day, the City would be in a precarious lawsuit, and we will not have addressed any of the concerns brought forth by neighbors and community leaders.

If there are legal arguments remaining, such as concerns about parking or staffing of the facility, I encourage you to raise those issues at the next Zoning Board hearing on September 10th at 10:20 a.m. at 600 Ross Street Downtown.

Representative Harry Readshaw



A new state law requires background checks for volunteers who work with children. If you are starting after July 1, 2015, you must have your clearances before beginning the assignment. If already approved and acting as a volunteer, you must have your clearance before July 1, 2016.

Volunteers and employees who work with children need up to three separate checks:

- Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Report – can be ordered online at <https://epatch.state.pa.us>.
- Child Abuse History Clearance from the Department of Human Services (DHS) – can be ordered by creating an account through the DHS at <http://bit.ly/IIDUVk7>.
- An FBI criminal history report, currently costing \$27.50, is also required if the volunteer position is paid and the volunteer has lived outside of Pennsylvania some time during the previous 10 years. It can be ordered at https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_dpw.htm.

Waived fees on new volunteer applications submitted on or after July 25 and reduced school employees' fees, plus more information, are available at www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov.

Senator Wayne Fontana



On Friday, September 25, I will host my annual Flu/Pneumonia Shot & Senior Clinic from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. in Quinn Hall at the Church of the Resurrection, located at 1100 Creedmoor Avenue. Light refreshments will be provided.

American HealthCare Group will be providing the free flu and pneumonia vaccinations to any senior with the

Medicare Part B health insurance card. Make sure to bring your card with you.

There will also be several organizations from around the region in attendance, providing attendees with important information on available services and resources. Among those organizations attending this year are: Duquesne University's School of Pharmacy; AARP; Office of the Consumer Advocate; Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh; Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; Allegheny County Bar Association; and more.

Additional information on the Flu/Pneumonia Shot & Senior Clinic will be updated throughout the month through my weekly News & Views. Sign up to receive the weekly News & Views by visiting www.senatorfontana.com. For more information on the Clinic, please call my Brookline office at 412-344-2551.

Representative Dan Deasy



My seventh annual Senior Citizen Health Expo is set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at the Guardian Angel Church Hall, 1030 Logue St. in the West End.

This one-stop-shop event features over 40 exhibitors offering programs and services that benefit older Pennsylvanians. The Veteran Mobile Van will also be on site providing valuable

information for veterans and their families.

Flu and pneumonia shots will be offered at no charge to the constituent if you present a valid Medicare Part B or a commercial insurance card. You can also pay out of pocket if you do not have coverage.

Entertainment and light refreshments will be provided, and door prizes will be awarded.

You can visit my website or call my office at 412-928-9514 for more details on this and other upcoming events or for assistance in any state-related matter. You can also sign up to receive my email alerts by visiting www.pahouse.com/deasy. Select "contact," then "sign up for email alerts."

Representative Dan Miller



As part of my commitment to disability and mental health issues, I have been working on several new pieces of legislation, which I hope to see move this fall:

1. Disabilities Bill of Rights & Waiting List issues – requires the state to develop a five-year plan to address 10,000 people on the waiting list for waiver services;

2. Protecting Access to Early Intervention Services for Autism – helps service agencies recruit and retain Behavior Specialist Consultants (BSCs);

3. Fighting for Quality Transition Services – creates a certification for teachers helping youth with disabilities find employment and become independent;

4. Providing Education Professionals with Updated Special Education Training – ensures all teachers and administrators receive ongoing training in special education.

Learn more about these and other initiatives at our Townhall meeting, September 9 at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Thanks to both SPDC and BACC for your support of the event!

Old Notes By Old People

by Cliff Gorski

The month of September always makes me think of school. Probably because I've spent more than 30% of my life in school and I always dreaded going back when Labor Day picnics ended. As I was thinking about fellow classmates and former teachers, I was remembering a fourth-grade math teacher, Mr. Steven Anthony. I just recently learned that Mr. Anthony passed away earlier this year.

Simply put, I hate math. I didn't like it in the first grade and I hated it even more when I left school. Some people are good at it. I am not one of them. I can conjugate verbs with the best of them. Telling you what the value of X is in $X=59+N$... thanks, but no.

However, there are two things I know very well. Fractions and multiplication tables. That is a direct result of Mr. Anthony. He could get down to your eye level very quickly and say, "8X8".

You were required to respond promptly. He did not tolerate foolishness. Those who misbehaved could wind up on the other end of a paddle in the cloak room.

I won't lie to you. Initially, I was afraid of him. I'm sure we caused him some agitation, which is why he ate antacids like they were LifeSavers. But as the school year wore on, we came to know what he expected of us and what he wanted us to learn. Isn't that what we want our teachers to do?

In comparison, I had a teacher, who will remain nameless, who thought teaching us social studies was to let us pick through a pile of magazines, find a story in one of them, and write a paper about the article we read. I guess I shouldn't look too negatively on that, as I could consider it training to be a reporter. But everyday with the magazines?

Rest in Peace Mr. Anthony. I know you tried, but I still hate math.

What's Hot in Brookline: Scoops on the Boulevard

by Joseph Samuel Rogers



The author at Scoops on the Boulevard

What's hot in Brookline? Well, everything, except this month's topic! One of my favorite activities when walking home from Brookline Regional Catholic (now St. John Bosco Academy, but always BRC in my heart) each day was taking a quick excursion down Brookline Boulevard, either to visit Lisa and Frank at Mateo's or stop for ice cream at Scoops on the Boulevard.

The Brookline last visited our friends at Scoops in November 2013, and the hot and humid July afternoon made it a no brainer to stop in once again.

Formerly known as Boulevard Ice Cream, Scoops has existed in its current form since 2010, when Mike Collins, owner of Scoops on Beverly in Mount Lebanon, purchased the store from its retiring owners. I was pleased to learn that Superman ice cream, a staple of my childhood, is still served at Scoops; therefore it was obligatory that I order a scoop. Since it is virtually unheard of simply ordering one scoop (I love my ice cream in case you couldn't tell!), I also indulged in Brookline's

favorite, Blue Moon. That certainly hit the spot on a warm summer day.

Scoops sells 48 flavors of ice cream and also sells cakes, cake pops, and ice cream sundaes. The ice cream flavors periodically rotate based on customer demand and seasonal flavors are also added as well. Scoops was also honored by Trib Total Media with the 2015 Readers' Choice Gold Award in the ice cream category, a testament to the store's impact on the local community. Brookline is fortunate to have a local ice cream parlor, and Scoops is certainly proud to call Brookline home. Scoops on the Boulevard is just another reason why it is mighty fine to dine in Brookline!



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Some programs are on break in September. Join us again next month for Electronics Club, Intro to Guitar, Kids Club, Pokémon League, and Storytime.

For All Ages

- *Crochet & Knitting Fun* – Saturdays, September 5 & 19 @ 1 p.m. – Drop in to work, learn and share! One-on-one help and limited free supplies are available.

For Kids

- *Tween Workshop* – Tuesdays @ 3 p.m. – Play games, make crafts, build things, and take part in mad science.
- *STEM Imagination Builders: Block Party* – Saturday, September 12 @ 10:30 a.m. – Kids build STEM skills as they imagine, design, and construct with blocks and other toys.
- *Kids Create: Crazy Craft Saturdays* – Saturdays, September 12 & 26 @ 2 p.m. – Children explore art with their hands, minds and imaginations.

For Teens

- *Teen Time* – Thursday, September 24 @ 3:30 p.m. – Cool art projects, epic games, music, movies, and just chilling out.

The Heritage Players Upcoming Events

The Heritage Players theatre group is offering an eight-week session of theater classes, including acting for all age groups from five to adult at the Seton Center, 1900 Pioneer Avenue. An audition preparation class for age 13 to adult will be offered at the Schoolhouse Arts Center, 2600 South Park Road, Bethel Park 15102. Classes begin in September with an in-class recital on the last day of the session. For course descriptions and online registration, visit www.bphp.org.

In October, the Heritage Players will present the musical *The Secret Garden*, book and lyrics by Marsha Norman, music by Lucy Simon, at the Seton Center. October 16-18 and 23-25. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online or at the door. The box office opens one-half hour before curtain. For more information visit www.bphp.org or phone 412-254-4633.

For Adults

- *Let's Speak English!* – Tuesdays @ 6:45 p.m. – If English is not your native language, join our group for fun, friendly conversation to build your comfort and confidence.
- *Power Yoga with Amy* – Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. – Bring your own mat, towel and water for free, fun, fitness-based yoga.
- *Resume Assistance by Appointment* – Thursdays TBD @ 6-8 p.m. – A qualified volunteer is available to review your existing resume and cover letter to help make them stronger. Call 412-561-1003 to schedule a half-hour appointment.
- *Monthly Movie Showdown: Abandon vs. Adventureland* – Tuesday, September 8 @ 6 p.m.
- *Game Night* – Tuesday, September 15 @ 5:45 p.m. – Undertake adventures for fame and glory playing strategic card and board games.

Book Discussions

- *Mystery & More* – Wednesday, September 9 @ 1 p.m. – *Innocent Traitor*
- *Between the Lines* – Monday, September 21 @ 6 p.m. – *Catch-22*
- *The Buzz at Cannon Coffee* – Thursday, September 24 @ 6 p.m. – *Treasury of Victorian Murder*

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



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What's Happening at Brookline PreK-8

by Amy Cornelius Dembosky, Parent Volunteer

We've had a great start to the new school year at Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8! Our staff and families had a good time reconnecting with old friends and finding new ones at our Back to School Night on August 27. Everyone got to meet our new staff members to help ease the transition to the new year. The Parent Teacher Association was represented as well. Interested families were able to join and it's not too late. Look for information that will be sent home.

This month we have several events coming up. First, our Parent School Community Council will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, September 16, at 5:30 p.m. The main focus of

this meeting will be our Title I plan. Next, principal John Vater and assistant principal Matthew May will continue Coffee with the Administration this year. These informal meetings are open to anyone who would like to come, and the first one will be Friday, September 25, at 9 a.m.

As a result of activities like PSCC meetings and coffees, we are able to make changes in our school policies that can be helpful to families. One example of this is our new time for morning drop-off. Students may now arrive as early as 7:40 a.m. We hope that this will make traffic move more quickly and help to reduce tardiness as well.

We are excited to see what 2015-2016 brings and wish you and your family a great year!

SCARECROW COMPETITION WIN UP TO \$150



The Brookline Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the fourth annual "SCARECROW COMPETITION." Windows along Brookline Boulevard will be decorated with all types of scarecrows starting late September into November.

We are asking Brookline businesses, community organizations, schools, churches, senior centers and individuals to design their own homemade scarecrow with a theme. Winners will be announced at the Halloween Parade. Applications are available at A-Boss Opticians, Cannon Coffee, Party Cake, and the Medicine Shoppe.

HALLOWEEN PARADE SATURDAY OCTOBER 31 2:00 PM

The Brookline Chamber of Commerce Annual Halloween Parade will take place thanks to the support of Community Bank and the volunteers who make it happen. The parade starts at Cannon Park and parades down Brookline Boulevard (weather permitting). Judges will stroll through the crowd picking out the best of funny, original, scary, and pretty.

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Nancy Gordon Galluzzo

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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