

Chasse' Permanent Makeup

by Dan Kaczmariski

As a 60-something male, I've never had to apply makeup (except for stage plays), nor do I have a problem with thinning eyebrows. On the contrary, my eyebrows have picked up the slack from my increasingly underachieving scalp hair. (If that's too much information, I apologize.)

But for some people, especially chemotherapy patients or women after menopause, thinning or disappearing eyebrows are no joke. And many women who want to wear makeup of any kind find it difficult to do—some because of allergies or skin sensitivities, vision impairment, or dexterity-related conditions.

Then there are those, young and old, who just don't want to hassle with applying and refreshing cosmetics each day. Many of these are active people who want to look their best for sports activities or don't want to worry about sweating off or reapplying cosmetics.

Those who fall into any of the above categories might consider paying a visit to the Chasse' Permanent Makeup Studio on Berkshire Ave. The official definition of "permanent makeup" in the studio's brochure is a "technique which involves applying natural pigments into the dermal layer of the skin—micropigmentation." The process is similar to tattooing with lasting results.

Tanya Chasse', owner of the studio, has been a permanent-makeup artist for about 2 years. She became interested in the process after having her own eyebrows done. "I was fascinated and impressed," she says, "and wanted to learn how to do it. Drawing somebody's eyebrows on is art and I couldn't believe how happy it makes people."

Tanya offers permanent makeup for eyebrows, eyeliner—upper and lower—and lips. For lips, she lines them with a color that's very close to the client's own lip color, then fills them in with the color the client chooses.

She says her clientele varies in age. "Some of the younger women love the eyeliner. It's more of the older women who go for the lips—they don't want to have to apply lipstick anymore. I get a little of everyone."

Including men. "I've had a few male clients, just to give them a few more hair strokes in their eyebrows to make them a little more prominent; some are self-conscious about losing their eyebrows." Although she works by appointment, she emphasizes that her hours are flexible and says she's always running specials on her Facebook page.

Tanya is a transplant to Pittsburgh and Brookline and loves it. "I like that I can walk to the main street here. If I need something, there are actually little stores where I can pick it up."

She grew up in Maine, where she met her husband. When they decided it might be best to move back near his aging mother in Western Pennsylvania, they found a house they loved on Berkshire. When you enter the house,

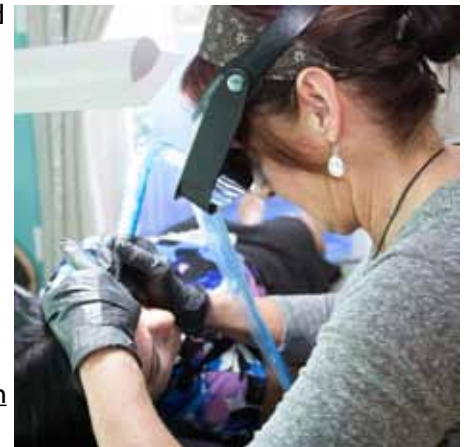
there's no missing the attractive art on the walls. She and her husband both paint and draw and she also creates and sells unique handcrafted items such as earrings and necklaces.

She credits her husband with being unfailingly supportive. "I couldn't have done all this without his support. He's been great about supporting all of my creative interests."

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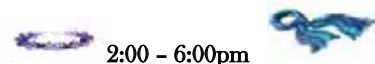
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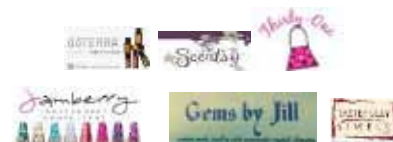


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State Representative Harry Readshaw	412-881-4208
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Community Crimes Zone 6

September	Total	Brookline
Zone 6 Crimes		
Homicide	1	0
Aggravated Assault	9	2
Robbery	8	0
Burglary	18	3
Theft	25	7
Theft from Vehicle	24	16*
Stolen Vehicle	7	1

*Of the 8 thefts from vehicles in Brookline for which it was reported whether the vehicle was locked or unlocked, 7 were unlocked.

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY MEETINGS

November 9 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.

Old Notes By Old People

by Cliff Gorski

I'm still not used to the parking lane on Brookline Boulevard. I've been up and down a few times in the past few months and I still want to get into that right hand lane and travel all the way down the Boulevard to the Cannon. Even more difficult for me to navigate is the point on the Boulevard where you can stay straight to pass so that the Cannon is on the right... or move into the other lane so that the Cannon is on your left so that you can proceed up onto Chelton Avenue.

I have a slight problem with my rights and lefts. In fact, I had to rewrite that whole paragraph above about the Cannon because I got the rights and lefts wrong. Rights and lefts don't resonate with me when somebody gives me directions. I need landmarks. In particular, I like to use restaurants and landmarks. Maybe it's because I like to eat. It just seems to me that it's easier to tell somebody "you're going to pass this great place called (fill in the blank) where they have these tremendous meatballs and sauce...and turn onto the street right after it."

There is a price to pay for not using lefts and rights. I recently had to have some x-rays on my foot. I was escorted into the x-ray room and instructed to take off my shoes and socks on both feet. I did as I was instructed. I stood on the platform very still, and heard the clicking of the x-ray machine taking the required pictures.

I asked the technician how bad the damage in the foot looked to him, and he said he didn't see anything out of the ordinary. "Really, no wires? No past surgical sutures?" I asked. "No "I don't see any of that," he replied. So I asked. "Which foot did you x-ray?" He told me he had many pictures of the right foot, because that is what I indicated was hurting when I called in. I profusely apologized and told him I get my rights and lefts mixed up...it was my left foot that needed the x-rays. I am sure he wasn't pleased.

So, watch out for me on Brookline Boulevard. I'll be the one with the brace on the wrong foot trying to make a left turn from the right lane.

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 p.m.; bingo begins 7 p.m. 412-563-4400.

Bingo. Every Sunday. American Legion Post 540. Doors open at 4 p.m.; bingo begins 6 p.m. 412-561-9750.

Brookline Memorial Recreational Center

New – Indoor Adult Bocce

Come join the fun Monday mornings and play a game of Bocce! Games will begin at 10:30 a.m. and teams will be randomly chosen, so bring a friend or two and join the fun! FREE

New – Art Class!

Come learn basic drawing techniques. Class will be a 4-week session beginning November 7. Class will run from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Please bring a sketch pad and pencils. Cost will be \$15 for the 4-week session. Drop-in students are welcome and will cost \$5 a day. All levels of students over 8 years of age are welcome. You'll have fun learning & receive lots of personalized attention from Miss Debbie! Sketch pads will be available for purchase the first day.

Fall/Winter Indoor Tennis Clinic

Clinics will be held in the gym on Wednesdays beginning October 28 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. and will run for 4 weeks. This clinic is for children ages 7-12 and the cost will be \$20. "Drop-ins" are welcome at a cost of \$10 nightly. Rackets and balls will be provided.

Kindersports

This fun activity is for children up to school age and their parents. This includes fun time in the gym, story time, a craft and

snack. Program runs throughout the school year on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. FREE. Please be sure to wear your tennis shoes.

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Quilting Class

Quilting class has expanded from Monday evenings 6 p.m.-8:45 p.m. to now include Friday mornings! New Friday morning class will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Class is open to everyone who has some sewing experience and a sewing machine. This class is ongoing and everyone is welcome! FREE

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Veteran's in Brookline's Memorial Day Parade

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Why is there a Billboard on the Boulevard?

Across the street from the point of the Veterans Memorial Park (The Cannon), between 956 and 962 Brookline Boulevard (Tong Garden and Armond's Frame Shop), is an open space. It's listed as Lot # 1546 on City planning maps and has been there literally since any living Brookliner can remember. For decades--based on old photographs at least since the Great Depression in the 1930s--the gap between the buildings has been home to a full-sized billboard. Over the years, advertisements have come and gone but the billboard abides.

It's not that there was never any interest in filling the space with a building. The reason for the lack of development other than a billboard is that a natural spring emerges in this lot and the constant flow of groundwater made it impractical to build on the spot.

Until the mid-1980s, the Boulevard walkway in front of the sign was made of wood and was known locally as "the boardwalk." When the boardwalk was replaced with a concrete sidewalk, a large drainage pipe was placed underneath so that the seepage could drain down the hillside toward the alleyway. (Information courtesy of "The Brookline Connection")

A Brighter Holiday for Brookline

The Brookline Chamber of Commerce is asking for your support.

Due to the height of the new poles installed during Boulevard reconstruction, last year's expenses for installation of new brackets and putting up and taking down wreaths exceeded \$5,000. This was an unexpected increase over previous years, which left us with a \$2,500 deficit.

As we prepare to hang the lights again this year, we will continue to ask all merchants and professionals for their continued generous donations, but that alone will not cover our new yearly cost.

If you enjoy the holiday cheer provided by the lights on the boulevard, we would appreciate your generous donation to keep the lights shining. Please make your check payable to: Brookline Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 9610, Pittsburgh, PA 15226.

Thanking you in advance for your support to the Brookline Community and Brookline Chamber of Commerce.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving,

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Open Mic Lives On in Brookline

The Wednesday before Nathan Mallory sold Cannon Coffee, he announced during the weekly open mic that this would be the last show. The open mic usually ran for 3 hours. The final show became a marathon, lasting over 5 hours with 57 performances.

Each performance was coupled with a sometimes tearful story about what being able to perform meant to each person. Some were happy to receive a warm welcome, others grateful for an audience as they developed their craft, some thankful to have an outlet in a particularly emotionally trying part of life. Whatever the reason was, the crowd at Cannon Coffee that night felt a strong attachment to Nathan Mallory, the weekly open mic night he hosted, and its performers.

Under new ownership, the coffee shop will no longer host the open mic. However, Mark Joseph Meyers, a Brookline native, set up a partnership with Citiparks to continue hosting the open mic at Moore Park, every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The newly named *Brookline Community Open Mic* is an all-ages, community-run open mic dedicated to developing artists and performers in Brookline and surrounding communities.

“Cultural institutions like the Brookline Open Mic Night are an invaluable asset to the community. It’s our duty as a community to rally behind our local treasures and the hard work being done by the curators who have worked tirelessly to keep culture alive in Brookline,” says Ryan Askey, President of the South Pittsburgh Development Corporation.

The open mic is also building relationships with local business with the goal of giving their performers different venues and audiences. SMOQ PITT will host “SMOQ PITT Presents” every 1st and 3rd Tuesday. The show will be comprised of performers invited to perform from *Brookline Community Open Mic*. A special menu and BYOB will be offered.

“Open mic is a great opportunity for individuals to showcase their abilities and have a platform to express themselves. We’re proud to support our community in hosting this event and always encourage people to be creative, thought provoking, and inspiring any way they can,” says Mitch Liebovich, owner of SMOQ PITT.

Brookline Community Open Mic is held inside the main building at Moore Park, located at 1801 Pioneer Avenue. More information can be found on the open mic Facebook page (facebook.com/brooklineopenmic)

Performing at Moore Open Mic

Q: Do I need to sign up ahead of time?

A: No, you can just show up. There are two rounds per open mic and anyone can sign up at any point.

Q: How is the order of performers determined?

A: Currently, it’s the order in which people sign up. That could change as open mic grows, as a way to control the flow and allow a mix of performance types.

Q: Is there a time limit per performance?

A: Not currently, though most performers take around 5 minutes or less per round. Each musical performer has the length of his or her song. Comics generally take around 4 minutes. Poetry tends to be much shorter.

Q: Do the coordinators exercise control on the quality or content of performances?

A: Because open mic is for all ages and held in a Citiparks building, performances need to be kept PG (no swearing or adult content). Other than that, performers of all talent levels are warmly welcomed.

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Jolina's Mediterranean Cuisine

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CStyles, 2139 Pioneer Ave. Hair Studio. Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 412-668-3292. Owner, Calvin Beck. "We Do Hair. A Multicultural Hair Experience," Instagram: CStyles_Pgh



CStyles

Photo courtesy of CStyles

Café de Noir, 807 Brookline Blvd. Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 412-563-0202. Serves coffees, teas, pastries and casual fare in a comfortable atmosphere. Owner Elia Kassab extends a warm welcome to all.

Looking for Group, 924 Brookline Blvd. Mon-Fri 2 p.m.-10 p.m.; Sat 12 p.m.-10 p.m.; Sun 12 p.m.-8 p.m., 774-482-1264. LAN gaming; console gaming; Internet café; co-work space (space rental); computer training (running a server, network setup, build a console). lfgpgh.com, facebook.com/lfgpgh.



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Under New Ownership

Fox's Pizza Den, 902 Brookline Blvd. Mon-Thurs 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.-10 p.m., 412-892-9130. Serving pizza, hoagies, salads, wings, etc. New owner/operators Katie and Matt say: "We have expanded our menu and remodeled our large dining room, which has hosted many events from company meetings to birthday parties. Our hours have expanded as well as our staff. This is our fourth location--first in the city--and we could not be more pleased with the community." foxspizza.com.

Getaway Café, 3049 Sussex Ave. (corner of McNeilly Rd.) Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-2 a.m.; Sat-Sun 8:30 a.m.-2 a.m., 412-343-1333. New owner Michael McCullough invites you to revisit this Brookline mainstay. getawaycafe.com, Facebook: Getaway Café

Why is it Called That?

Every day we use or go past Brookline streets or locations named for people who had an important, though often forgotten, impact on our community. We'll periodically highlight someone deemed worthy of having his or her name preserved for posterity.

Moore Park

Joseph F. Moore was principal of Brookline Elementary and West Liberty schools until 1940. He also oversaw Carmalt Elementary for three years. The park named after him has its roots in his efforts to provide play space for children in Brookline. He was an ardent advocate that playgrounds were the best answer to the problem of juvenile delinquency. (Courtesy of Brookline Connection)

Representative Harry Readshaw



I was a cosponsor of H.B. 1329, which would make the unpaid family members who look after their sick loved ones a more central part of patient care. It passed the House in June and is currently in the Senate Aging and Youth Committee.

A number of advocates, such as the AARP, recently announced support of the bill, which, among other things, mandates that caregivers receive thorough instruction from the hospital that is discharging their loved ones.

Jim Palmquist, AARP Pennsylvania State President, said hospitals should do more hand-holding with caregivers. "They're an essential component of helping older American adults remain in their homes, which is exactly where they want to be."

I believe this bill would give families more control over the care of their loved ones and ensure the family understands the care being provided.

Senator Wayne Fontana



I want to remind everyone that the deadline to apply for the 2014 Property Tax/Rent Rebate program is December 31. Applications can be obtained from my district office, located at 932 Brookline Boulevard, and my staff would be happy to assist you in preparing your application.

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

Due to program changes enacted last year to ensure claimants aren't disqualified from rebates solely because of Social Security cost-of-living adjustments, homeowners and renters may be eligible for rebates even if their eligibility income is greater than these limits. Any homeowner who collected Social Security, received a property tax rebate in 2013 for claim year 2012 and had annual income last year, discounting half of Social Security, up to \$36,129, is encouraged to apply for a rebate for claim year 2014. Any renter in that same situation with an annual income in 2014, discounting half of Social Security, up to \$15,484 is also encouraged to apply. (www.senatorfontana.com)

November 2015

Representative Dan Deasy



In November 1918 during World War I, an armistice between the Allies and Germany took place at the 11th hour of the eleventh day. The following June the Treaty of Versailles was signed, which marked the end of the Great War. Later that year, President Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11, 1919, as Armistice Day.

In 1920, Congress approved legislation that established the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery and designated every November 11 as a federal holiday.

On June 1, 1954, President Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name of the legal holiday from Armistice Day to Veteran's Day.

My sincere gratitude to all of our veterans and to active soldiers and reservists. On November 11, show your profound appreciation and pride in our service men and women who have put their lives on the line for us and those who continue to do so for our freedoms. Also, remember the sacrifices the families of our soldiers make each and every day while their loved ones serve our great United States of America.

Please call my office at 412-928-9514 or visit my website at www.pahouse.com/deasy for information on programs and services available to veterans.

Representative Dan Miller



Veterans Day on November 11 is a day to recognize and thank those who have served our country as a member of our armed forces. Our state offers a number of programs and benefits to those who have served, including education benefits and vocational rehabilitation, disability compensation and benefits, emergency assistance, state recreation benefits, and more.

To help connect veterans and their families to the benefits they have earned, my office will bring the PA mobile veterans service van to the district this Veterans Day. The van will be parked at the Castle Shannon veteran's memorial (behind the Ice Castle) from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be a short Veteran's Day program at the memorial at 11:11 a.m. All veterans and their families are invited!

Keeping Brookline Beautiful

"It's a main street many communities would die for."
NEXTpittsburgh—April 9, 2015, describing Brookline Blvd.

People are noticing what a great neighborhood Brookline is. Tim Reitmeyer reported in last month's newsletter that the average sale price for a single family home here has soared almost 30 percent in the past 2 years. The vast majority of Brookliners work hard to keep their properties and the common areas clean. But there's room for improvement.

Make November 14 a Clean Up Day!

by Linda Smithyman

Have you noticed that you feel better walking in your neighborhood when you do not see trash lying around in the yards of homeowners and renters? It just makes me feel better to see all of the greenery, flowers and less man-made stuff lying around or drifting on the wind from place to place.

I often take two bags (one blue for recyclables and one for everything else) the evening before trash pickup day and scour my street for litter and my pet peeve--cigarette butts. Sometimes I am able to fill both bags during a half-mile walk. Other times I don't. It is such a shame to have so much litter hanging around the neighborhood but no one else seems to care sometimes.

So I am hoping that you and your neighbors will take some time out on Saturday, November 14 (the second Saturday) and take a few minutes to clean the land where you live, whether it is your property or not. Do you think that you could find at least ten minutes in your day to do so? And, if you are so inclined, to assist a neighbor who may not be physically capable of doing the same thing at their home.

Can you just imagine how nice and clean your own neighborhood could be if only half of the people cleaned up for a few minutes? The results may be spectacular. Do you remember how much snow we had last winter and how the trash piled up in some places? Imagine if most of that trash had already been cleaned up prior to the winter.

Having family over for Thanksgiving? They may notice how clean the neighborhood is. Actually some folks tend to notice how much litter is hanging around rather than how clean a neighborhood is. So having it "less dirty" may also help to KEEP your neighborhood "less dirty" if you take more pride in keeping it clean.

We all understand that trash flows from other places a lot of the time. And while it may not be your responsibility, it is always appreciated when someone takes extra pride in keeping their own home and parts of their own neighborhoods free of litter. Maybe the second Saturday clean

up could become a monthly habit with you and some of your neighbors.

If you have a few minutes on the 14th, or any other day for that matter, please take a few moments to pick up as much litter around your home that you can. I would recommend wearing gloves but here is a handy tip. Use the plastic of your trash bag to actually shield your hand from touching the trash itself. You keep your hand cleaner and germs on the inside of the trash bag. Or use a separate bag for your hand and throw it away with that trash too. I wouldn't want anyone to get sick doing this.

Here's to a cleaner, and happier, neighborhood! With your help of course.

Post No Bills

Under City of Pittsburgh ordinances, it's illegal to post personal signage on neighborhood utility poles. Section 423.03 of the regulations prohibits the posting of unapproved signage on any utility poles or structures within the right-of-way lines of all public streets, sidewalks, boulevards, highways, avenues, alleys, roads, or other public ways.

November 14 Yard Debris Curbside Pick-Up

On Saturday, November 14, the City of Pittsburgh will pick up yard debris from your curb, including leaves, grass, plants, tree trimmings, branches, and shrubs. No plastic bags allowed. The pick-up will not accept stones, dirt, rocks, manure, garbage, lumber, or food waste.

Caution on Oletha

When dedicated Adopt-a-Block volunteer Zack Zelazny was picking up litter on Oletha Way a couple of weeks ago, he came across a large number of scattered aluminum nails (about a boxful's worth). Some of the nails had ended up in at least one or two tires. Be careful if driving there.

Community Events & Announcements

Carnegie Library of Brookline November Events

HOLIDAY CLOSING INFORMATION

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25 and will be closed all day Thursday, November 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

For All Ages

- Crochet & Knitting Fun – Saturdays, November 14 & 28 @ 1 p.m. – one-on-one assistance and limited free supplies are available.

For Kids

- Storytime: Toddler and Preschooler Tales – Mondays @ 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays @ 11 a.m.
- Tween Workshop Tuesdays – Tuesdays @ 3 p.m.
- Kids Club: Wacky Wednesdays – Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.

For Teens

- Pokémondays – Mondays @ 3 p.m. – card and video game drop-in battle leagues
- Teen Time – Thursdays (except November 26) @ 3 p.m.
- Homework Club – Thursdays (except November 26) @ 5 p.m. – join other teens to work on school assignments.
- Gaming Club – Saturday, November 7 @ 12 p.m.
- Electronics Club – Saturday, November 21 @ 2 p.m.

For Adults

- Let's Speak English! – Tuesdays @ 6:45 p.m. – non-native

English speakers build comfort and confidence with the language through casual conversation.

- Power Yoga with Amy – Wednesdays (except November 25) @ 6:30 p.m. – bring your own water, mat and towel for free fitness-based yoga.
- Résumé Assistance by Appointment – Wednesday November 11 @ 6-8 p.m. – A qualified volunteer is available to review your existing résumé and cover letter to help make them stronger. Call 412-561-1003 to schedule a half-hour appointment.
- Monthly Movie Showdown: *Howard the Duck vs. Battlefield Earth* – Tuesday, November 10 @ 6 p.m.
- **Book Discussions**
 - Mystery & More – Wednesday, November 11 @ 1 p.m. – *Prague Winter* by Madeleine Albright
 - Between the Lines – Monday, November 16 @ 6 p.m. – *Delicious!* by Ruth Reichl
 - The Buzz at Café de Noir – Thursday, November 19 @ 6 p.m. – *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff* by Christopher Moore
- Game Night – Tuesday, November 17 @ 5:45 p.m. – classic and adventure-based board games

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

Heritage Players Theater News

The Heritage Players theatre group performs at the Seton Center on Pioneer Ave. and draws actors, directors, and crew from throughout the Pittsburgh area, largely from the South Hills. Brookliners are encouraged to share their talents with the all-volunteer group.

Coming in 2016

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde, March 11-13 and 18-20

Picnic by William Inge, May 13-15 and 20-22

Alice in Wonderland, August 5-7 and 12-14

Mame by Jerome Lawrence and Robert Edwin Lee and music and lyrics by Jerry Herman, October 14-16 and 21-23

Auditions for *The Importance of Being Earnest* will be held December 12 at 7 p.m. at the Schoolhouse Arts Center in Bethel Park, and December 13 at 7 p.m. at the Seton Center.

Coming this December: Holiday fundraiser, *Christmas Cards: A Musical Revue!* At the Seton Center. Visit the Heritage Players website at www.bphp.org for upcoming details or phone 412-254-4633.

What's Happening at Brookline PreK-8

by Amy Cornelius Dembosky, Parent Volunteer

November's gusty winds are here, but we're still having a great year at Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8. The first nine-week grading period ends this month, which means that one fourth of the school year is already over. Amazing! There are some vacation days this month, too: November 3, Election Day, is a day off for students. Teachers will still be working. Schools will be closed November 11 in observance of Veterans' Day. Finally, Thanksgiving break days will be November 26 and 27.

Students had lots to celebrate in October. The PTA sponsored a bake sale and Scholastic Book Fair during our open house and conference times. They also coordinated a costume party for students in grades PreK-5 and an evening costume dance for our middle school students. Thank you to all of the PTA volunteers and officers for your hard work with all of the planning, decorating, and staffing for these activities.

We had a very successful breakfast with community leaders at the end of September. Our principal John Vater and assistant principal Matthew May hosted almost 25 community representatives from scouting, churches, and neighborhood development groups. Our family and community engagement specialist Sara Lewis prepared a delicious breakfast that was enjoyed by all as we got to know each other and discuss the

What's Going On at Pittsburgh West Liberty?

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

We will be very busy during November at Pittsburgh West Liberty. On Friday, November 13, we will be having our 390 incentive. In the program, 390 children must attend school 90 percent, have only one tardy and/or early dismissal per report period, turn in 90 percent of their homework and have 90 percent good behavior days. If the children meet all the requirements, they are treated to a reward. We have various incentives that are classroom based.

We will be having a Reading Night on Tuesday, November 10, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The children participate in many activities all centered on the importance of reading. The children enjoy reading while taking part in these activities.

We are preparing for our Holiday Concert and for the holiday activities for next month. Remember: Pittsburgh West Liberty is the place "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."

needs of our students and the community. The group agreed that it would be productive to get together again in the future. If you represent an organization that would like to be involved, please call the school at 412-529-7380 and let Mr. Vater know.

Brookline PreK-8 has been fortunate to have two celebrity visits so far this year! In September, Pittsburgh Pirate standout Andrew McCutchen visited Jonathan Hensel and his fourth grade class, which is led by Bernadette Schanck. Jonathan entered an online contest and won the surprise visit. Students were able to talk to "Cutch," ask questions, and take pictures. In October, WPXI Chief Meteorologist Stephen Cropper came to present an exciting assembly on weather for our K-3 students. Thank you to both of these busy Pittsburghers for taking the time to visit, educate, and cheer on our wonderful students!

Our Parent School Community Council also had a special guest. Ron Cowell, president of the non-partisan, non-profit Educational Policy and Leadership Center, came to the October meeting to talk to parents about updates in state education policy and ways that parents can be involved in effecting positive change. This was a really unique opportunity for our PSCC! EPLC is headquartered in Harrisburg. Find out more at www.elpc.org.

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Correction

In last month's issue, we misidentified the name of the owner of Vinny's Pizza. Vinny's owner is Anvar Gafurov

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Hours: Children's Bible Hour ◦ 10:30 am
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Restoration Baptist Church has helped out with our Center in a few ways--coming to our summer movie nights, giving out popcorn to all movie goers. We have had other events where not only did they volunteer but also gave out popcorn to all the kids and parents. We are lucky to have them here in the community.

- Jon Coyne, Brookline Rec Center Director

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