

Pawsburgh Photography

by Dan Kaczmariski

If you want a visual treat that makes you smile, check out the online photo gallery at www.pawsburgh.com. Just viewing Brookline photographer Amy Fisher's winsome photos of our canine buddies makes me (almost) want to get one, just so Amy could capture it on film. But Pawsburgh is about more than just animals. The business showcases Amy's photographic work in a variety of subject areas.

Although she's been taking photos since the age of four, it wasn't until 2010 that Amy began focusing on a specific topic. That year, she started volunteer work photographing dogs for the Forever Home Beagle Rescue, a non-profit rescue and placement group headquartered here in Brookline. It wasn't long before people were complimenting her on her knack for capturing canine personalities. She established Pawsburgh as a brand for her photos of dogs and other subjects.

Anyone who has ever tried to get an animal to sit still for a picture knows they often have other plans. Recognizing that, Pawsburgh brings the photo shoot to the dog, rather than vice versa. "It's all done on location," Amy says. "I capture them out doing what they love to do, in a natural environment. I'll use a zoom lens so I'm not in their face and they can just do their thing."

While photographing animals is a passion for Amy, it's just one of her areas of interest. Another is architecture. "When I was a kid I used to sit with a pad and draw floor plans," she says. She's

currently taking photos of Pittsburgh-area church buildings for the Sen. John Heinz History Center, which is working to document an architectural heritage that's increasingly falling victim to closures and too often demolition.



The Happiest Dog at the Park

Pawsburgh Photography

She's been a real estate agent since 1999 and also takes photos for other agents. "I used to show houses, then sit down and write out the floor plan, just because it was neat or I wanted to remember it," she says. "Now I can capture it with photography."

Among other volunteer activities, Amy has been involved with the Brookline Chamber of Commerce and is a long-time member of the South Pittsburgh Development Corporation. Most of the

photos in *The Brookline* each month are Amy's.

Creating and preserving images of animals, churches, and vistas taps into Amy's passion for capturing and sharing her view of the world. She finds inspiration in our surroundings and the work of other photographers. "I like being able to share what I see. Sometimes I'll be walking with other photographers in the same place and we'll take completely different pictures. Other people pick up on things that I don't and people tell me they never would have noticed something they see in my shots. It takes years and years of accumulated vision to get a good photograph of something you see every day."



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Aggravated Assault	8	0
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Burglary	5	0
Theft	23	6
Theft from Vehicle	6	4
Stolen Vehicle	4	0

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Monday, June 13

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

Tuesday, June 14

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

Monday, June 20

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

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No Newsletter In July

Because Newsletter staff members will be on vacation, there will be no July issue of the The Brookline. The Newsletter will return in August.

Your Couch Is Not Your Friend

by Guy Reschenthaler, DC

Spring has sprung and so should we! Let's spring off the couch and get moving!

Healthy living has many components, stretching, walking, balance, and mental awareness are a few of those components.

Sitting on the couch does not enhance healthy muscles or skeletal strength. One of the best methods to spring the muscular/skeletal system into action is to stretch. Stretching when performed properly has low risk of injury and quick results. When stretching, follow these guidelines:

- Stretch slowly. Move until you feel the muscle extend without discomfort. Do not bounce or force the muscle beyond the comfort point.
- Hold the stretch for 5 to 10 seconds, letting the muscle elongate.
- Do each stretch 3 times.
Hint: Do your stretching in front of a mirror to note progress.

Walking is a wonderful way to get off the couch and move to improve health! A few considerations to keep in mind are:

- Wear good shoes that offer support. Wear comfortable clothes.
- Begin by walking short distances and on level ground. You can increase your distances and include hills when you feel you're ready for a challenge.
- Walk at a moderate pace. You should be able to carry on a conversation while walking.
Hint: Find someone to walk with; exercise is better when shared!

Balance is often a forgotten component of good health. Balance relies on core muscle strength and mental awareness. Balance can be improved by doing the following:

- Stand at the kitchen counter and place your hands on the counter.
- Slowly stand on one foot; alternate feet.
- Challenge yourself by raising your hands a few inches off the counter and alternate feet.
- Need a greater challenge? Try the exercise with eyes closed! Remember to keep your hands just above the counter surface.
Hint: Make this exercise a game by counting the seconds you hold your balance. Try standing on one foot while brushing your teeth. Have fun by thinking up challenges to improve your balance!

Sharp mental awareness is a vital component of good health. The brain, like skeletal musculature, can be exercised. The Alzheimer's Association recommends the following to train your brain:

- Read books, do crossword puzzles, or work on other puzzles.
- Attend lectures and plays.
- Learn something new each day, such as a word from a different language.
- Stay curious.
Hint: AARP offers numerous memory games on their web site.

Get off the couch, become healthy this spring and summer, and consider visiting your chiropractor!

Zillow Property Value Estimate

Each month, we're tracking changes to the Zillow market value estimate of the same Brookline home not currently on the market.

Date	Estimate
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Old Notes By Old People

by Chip Gorski

So are you ready for the summer? I was looking back on past columns and noted that last year, I wrote about the last day of school at this time of year. Remember those slow moving days from the end of May until the middle of June. Attention spans were short and who wanted to be trapped in a stale classroom without air conditioning? I'm sure the teachers couldn't wait to get us out of their hair. So, now it's June and while many kids have started their summer break, some are still in school, counting down these last days.

When I had kids in school, I would be a little put out when they would come home in the waning days of classes and tell me how little they did in the week or so leading up to the summertime exodus. When my daughter was a senior in high school, her final days in one class were spent watching "The Tyra Banks Show." I am still trying to figure out the correlation between the show and English class. Perhaps Tyra displayed an amazing sentence structure or used verbs and pronouns in a profound way. Because her teacher is a friend of mine, I asked him about this. He said "They aren't interested in learning at this point in the school year, so I just let them watch TV."

My younger child, my son, spent his waning days of the school year reading magazines and comic books in class and writing reports about them. I guess a report on the social impact Spiderman has on a nonexistent community is worth some sort of extra points in some bizarre universe.

When you think about it, it was really no different for us. We would stare out of the classroom windows on those warm spring days, making plans for the upcoming weeks ahead. While we would work up to the last week or so, the balance of the last school days were filled with Kennywood Day, movies, maybe a last field trip. And then the blackboard would announce the last day! It would wrap up with the ceremonial cleaning of the desks and report cards being passed out. And it was done until September.

It always seemed like the school year would drag on forever and summertime would be here and gone in a split second. Time seems to move fast all of the time now. A minute ago, my kids were in grade school. In the blink of an eye, both graduated college, one is married and both are onto their careers.

Take the time to enjoy the summer slowly!

A Voice From The Field: Why Brookline Is So Hot

by Joseph Samuel Rogers

Each month I sit at my computer and reflect on a visit to a local restaurant and why Brookline residents should try their food, even if the culture may be unfamiliar to them. I remind readers at the end of each article why it is mighty fine to dine in Brookline because our neighborhood shopping district is a special and unique component that helps shape Brookline's character. I can think of very few places in Pittsburgh where one could find a comparably vibrant area filled with small and creative "mom and dad" stores and restaurants. Perhaps maybe Lawrenceville, North Side and Bloomfield, with the latter two having distinct ethnic identities, but Brookline Boulevard is an element unfamiliar in many communities, especially the one where I live now.

I attend La Salle University in Philadelphia, a school operated by the Christian Brothers, who also run Central Catholic High School, my alma mater, and formerly Seton-La Salle Catholic High School. The neighborhood where La Salle is located lacks many of the elements I was used to in Brookline, the most prominent being the lack of a shopping district. Until 2008, the neighborhood had not had a single grocery store in over 40 years, and many of the elderly residents either had to take the bus to the grocery store or walk to a corner store that lacked fresh, nutritious, and filling food. The neighborhood gained a

grocery store, a Rite Aid, and Dunkin' Donuts when La Salle University donated land and worked with community leaders to secure grants to lure the chains and hire local employees.

In Brookline, a brisk walk along newly paved sidewalks among the greenery exposes residents to many food options from different cultures. Think about it, if one was not able to drive to Aldi, IGA, Kuhn's, or Giant Eagle, a resident could survive with the resources on Brookline Boulevard. Basic groceries could be purchased at Las Palmas, baked goods at DeLuca's or Party Cake, tea at Café de Noir, and full meals at multiple restaurants. The neighborhood around La Salle is not as fortunate. The only food options here outside of campus dining halls and retail locations, reserved for students with meal plans, are a take-out Chinese restaurant and a pizza place. A few corner stores are scattered every few blocks, but their worn facades indicate that the quality there is likely not superb.

I am thankful to be a Brookliner because of the wonderful gift our shopping district is to us. Many neighborhoods do not have such a vibrant place to shop and eat, and some, like mine in Philadelphia, have virtually nothing at all. Remember to shop locally and help to further build our home, because it is always mighty fine to shop and dine in Brookline.

Second Annual Brookline Community Yard Sale

Our second annual Brookline Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, July 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., sponsored by South Pittsburgh Development Corporation (SPDC). We are expecting an even larger turnout than last year to participate and 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, 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 newspapers, 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 be partnering with Scoops on the Blvd, who will supply balloons for those that have registered, for you to use in front of your dwelling so customers will know you are part of the yard sale. Third, feel free to call the veterans to schedule a pick-up of all stuff leftover to donate that didn't sell instead of it going back to the basement. Plus, it's a tax deduction. You can reach them at 1-800-775-VETS (8387). We will have two information tables set up, one in the Moore Park parking lot and another on Brookline Blvd. in front of Café De Noir, where shoppers can pick up maps and Hot Lists. Please join us to make the Brookline Community Yard Sale a success! The registration form is included below, or you can register online at spdc.brookline@gmail.com using a credit card/PayPal.



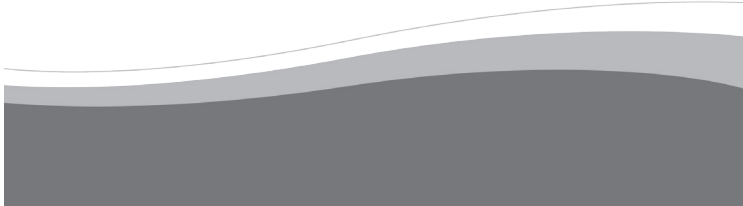
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Community Yard Sale maps and item listing will be available to visitors the day of at 2 locations. One at Moore Park and the 2nd at Café De Noir ton Brookline Blvd. the day of the sale.

It's easy to participate. Register at [<email address>](mailto:spdc.brookline@gmail.com) using a credit card/PayPal or return this form and \$15 (checks made out to SPDC) to SPDC, Attention: Community Yard Sale, PO Box 9606, Pittsburgh, PA 15226. Your payment covers advertising and printing costs for maps, signs and address/sale item listings. Form will be accepted through Saturday, July 1st



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Thank You to Dormont VFW!



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I am happy to announce that VFW Post 695 in Dormont has agreed to take up ownership of the howitzer cannon located at Brookline's Cannon Memorial Park. The cannon, of course, will stay in Brookline. This transfer became necessary when Brookline's American Legion decommissioned its charter and we had to find an agency with a "veteran clause" in their mission statement. Dormont VFW stepped up, not surprisingly with the amount of projects and programs they willingly support.

A huge thank you to Dormont VFW and its Board of Directors, to include Congressman Doyle's office, Senator Fontana, Representative Readshaw and the Brookline Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for the support in keeping Brookline's Cannon.

Our next step will be to raise money to redo the concrete work and preserve the cannon. So, as it goes, we always have work to do, but for today, mark the paperwork off the list. Thanks again.

Nathan Mallory, President, Brookline Chamber of Commerce

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Ressi Fun Flair Keeps Growing

by Debbie Brust

It's a summer tradition here in Brookline—the church festival at Resurrection Parish, better known as the “Ressi Fun Flair.” This year's festival will be July 6, 7, 8 and 9 on the church grounds at 1100 Creedmoor Ave, accessible from both Creedmoor and Chelton Aves.

This will be the 43rd anniversary of the fair. While keeping the old favorites, this year's event will also offer new attractions. If you have kids, they will love the games area. Whether it is skill or chance, it is fun for all ages. Many prizes are from the summer release movies, so your kids will be wowed! The Hockey Booth has undergone a metamorphosis and become a “Sports” Booth and will feature different games, including sports figures and mascots. The Riverhounds, Pittsburgh's professional soccer team, will have team members present to sign autographs and show skills Wednesday evening.

The Fun Flair holds so many good memories for those who have grown up in Brookline. Nostalgic memories of hot nights and all that spectacular food you just “have to have” to know it is really summer. From funnel cakes and ice cream waffle sandwiches, to hot sausage sandwiches, burgers and cheese fries to homemade pierogies, the food court will once again have your mouth watering and take you back to the summers of your youth. Other great eats at the fair are the ice cream shoppe with sundaes, shakes and cones, and the bake sale with yummy homemade goodies.

Other returning favorites are the bargains you can find at the garage sale and the huge Chinese Auction. Last year the auction had over 200 baskets and continues to be one of the biggest attractions. These baskets are amazing!

This year, the Resurrection Youth Group has increased their participation in the planning by brainstorming, building attractions, painting, and as always volunteering at the Fun Flair. One of the new exciting attractions suggested by the group is a giant ball pit!



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Brookline Teen Outreach News

by Caitlin McNulty

There is so much happening at Brookline Teen Outreach, and the best way for us to tell you about it is to share some of our proudest moments through pictures.



Above: Community members working together to repair the defaced Las Palmas mural.

Right: Christ Garvin and Zoe Hall painting over graffiti on Trelona Way.



Below: Friday night hip hop dance class at BTO.



Left: Kendal, Gemini and Joan practicing their baking skills.



Above: Donation karate lessons at the teen center with Dan Camarco from Three Rivers Martial Arts.

Photos courtesy of Brookline Teen Outreach

Check out our Facebook page and website www.brooklineteenoutreach.org for more pictures and information.

An Hour A Week Can Change A Child's Life

The OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program is seeking volunteers (age 50+) to help children become better readers. OASIS has volunteers helping at Brookline PreK-8 and West Liberty K-5, as well as other schools in the Pittsburgh and Woodland Hills School Districts. Students are in grades K-4.

A 2-day training class will be conducted on Tuesday, July 12 and Thursday, July 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Koppers Building, 9th floor, 436 Seventh Ave. in downtown Pittsburgh. No teaching experience is required and all training, materials and clearances are provided free of charge. For more information or to register, please contact John D. Spehar, Pittsburgh OASIS Tutoring Program Director at 412-393-7648 or by email at jdspehar@oasisnet.org. The program is operated in partnership with Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council.

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Resurrection Parish Fun Flair 2016

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Community Events & Announcements

Brookline Memorial Recreation Center

Summer CITICAMP Adventures

Sign up today for CITICAMP'S wild summer adventures, sponsored by Pittsburgh Citiparks. Co-ed, ages 7-12. Each camp runs for 5 days at the Brookline Recreation Center (except no camp on July 4), 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

	Camp	Dates
Week 1	Scales and Tails	June 20-24
Week 2	Where in the World	June 27-July 1
Week 3	X-Treme Science	July 5-8
Week 4	Inventor's Workshop	July 11-15
Week 5	Space Station Pittsburgh	July 18-22
Week 6	Urban Adventures	July 25-29
Week 7	Time Travelers	August 1-5
Week 8	Fantastic Finale	August 8-12

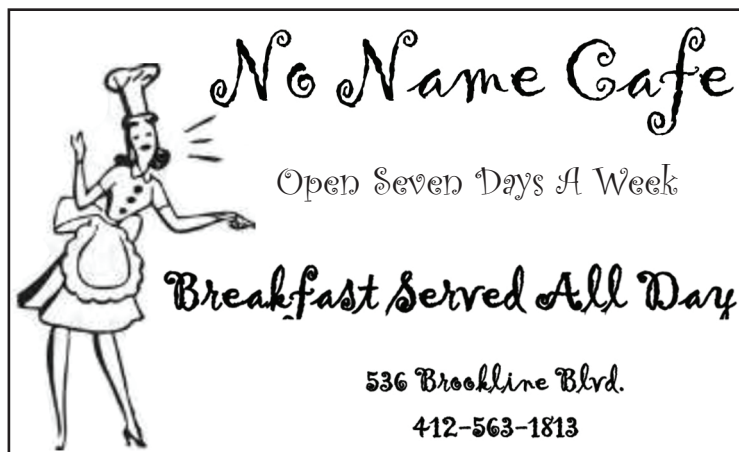
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Bingo. Sunday, Brookline Teen Outreach Bldg., 520 Brookline Blvd. Doors open at 4 p.m.; bingo begins 6 p.m.

Free Summer Events at Brookline Recreation Center

Cinema in the Park

A great free family night outside! Thursdays. Movies start at dusk.

June 9 – Minions (PG)

June 16 – The Land Before Time (G)

June 23 – Father of the Bride (PG)

June 30 – The Walk (PG)

July 7 – The Great Outdoors ((PG)

July 14 – Life of Pi (PG)

July 21 – Inside Out (PG)

July 28 – The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water (PG)

Flea Markets

Brookline Recreation Center will host Flea Markets again this summer in the lower parking lot. Free spots are available; bring your own table. Saturday June 4 and July 2, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Car Cruise 2016

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

Then plan on attending the Car Cruise at the Brookline Recreation Center on June 17. For more information, call the Recreation Center at 412-571-3222.

June Events on the Boulevard

At 824: The Consignment Shop

BYOB Pollock Painting Picnic Party with Caroline Cratsley. Sunday, June 5. 3-6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person. Space is limited, so reserve yours today!

LuLaRoe Trunk Sale. Friday, June 24, 8-11 p.m. Sip a mimosa while shopping with LuLaRoe representative Amanda Osterberger. Women's sizes XXS up to 2XL. Free event.

At Brookline Pub and Pourhouse

Brookline Community Open Mic. All talent levels and performance types are welcome. Every Wednesday, 7-10:30 p.m. brooklineopenmic@gmail.com

Community Events & Announcements

Carnegie Library of Brookline June Events

For Teens

- *Pokemon Club* – Mondays, June 13 & 27 • 3 – 5 p.m. – compete with other teens in drop-in battle leagues for both the video and card games.
- *Teen Time* – Thursday, June 9, 16, 23, 30 • 3 – 5 p.m. – if you're into cool art projects, epic games, music, movies and just chilling out, come kick it at Teen Time.
- *STEM Video Game Challenge Kickoff Party* – Monday, June 20 • 3 – 5 p.m. – level up from video game player to video game designer this summer with the STEM Video Game Challenge!

For Adults

- *Let's Speak English!* – Tuesdays • 6:45 p.m. – join non-native English speakers to build comfort and confidence with the language through casual conversation.
- *Power Yoga with Amy* – Wednesdays • 6:30 p.m. – bring your own water, mat and towel for free fitness-based yoga.
- *Monthly Movie Showdown* – Tuesday, June 14 • 6 p.m. – join in fun, relaxed conversation and enjoy movie-inspired treats.
- *Résumé Assistance by Appointment* – Wednesday, June 8 & 22 • 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.

- *Book Discussions*
 - *Mystery & More* – Wednesday, June 8 • 1 p.m. – discuss contemporary and classic mysteries, along with the occasional fiction or nonfiction title. This month: *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy* by Karen Abbott
 - *Between the Lines* – Monday, June 20 • 6 p.m. – discuss contemporary and classic fiction and nonfiction. This month: *Resolve* by J.J. Hensley
 - *The Buzz* – Thursday, May 26 • 6 p.m. – enjoy unconventional fiction, nonfiction and graphic novels. This month: *Hark! A Vagrant* by Kate Beaton
- *Game Night* – Tuesday, June 21 • 5:45 p.m. – take the night off for some friendly competition. A variety of traditional board games and quest-based adventure games will be available.

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Heritage Players Theater News

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

In July

Eighth Annual Summer Broadway Revue, featuring scenes and music from show favorites by a talented teen cast, Sat. July 16 at 7 p.m. and Sun. July 17 at 2 p.m. Admission \$7 if purchased online in advance at www.bphp.org/xu35a or \$10 at the door. Box office opens one-half hour before curtain. For more information, visit www.bphp.org or phone 412-254-4633.

Auditions for the beloved musical, *Mame*, at the Seton Center, Sun. July 17 and Mon. July 18, 7 p.m. Seeking actors 20s-60s, and a young boy 8-13. Prepare 32 bars of a musical theater song. Sides from the script may be provided as well. Dance skills (tap) recommended. For more information visit www.bphp.org or phone 412-254-4633.

In August

The classic musical, *Alice in Wonderland*, based on the novel by Lewis Carroll, Aug. 5-7 and 12-14. Fri. and Sat., 8 p.m. and Sun. matinees, 2 p.m. Admission \$5 for children 18 and under, and \$10 for adults.

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Boulevard Bulletin Board

Brookline Area Community Council is proud to announce that Brookline Teen Outreach will maintain the community bulletin board located outside the Teen Center (520 Brookline Blvd. in the former American Legion Building next to CVS). The bulletin board is now clean and ready for information. Please drop off any announcements for posting at the Teen Center.



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Representative Dan Miller



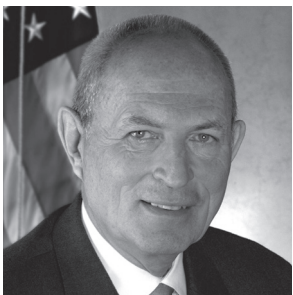
Continuing my work to advance independence and opportunity for all, I have authored a couple of bills that attempt to open up employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

The Employment First Act requires agencies of the Commonwealth to shift their priorities within existing budgets to prioritize helping individuals with disabilities find employment and become taxpayers. The goal is to increase the number of individuals with disabilities employed in integrated, competitive placements.

Another bill I am working on would provide alternative certification routes for our state's civil service jobs. This bill recognizes that there are some individuals for whom the standard exam is an ineffective measure of their abilities, and would provide an alternative assessment. While this does not lower the bar, it recognizes that different people may take different paths to get over it.

We are graduating too many young people with disabilities and sending them straight to the couch. These bills will set an example for employers across our state and increase opportunity for all.

Representative Harry Readshaw



As summer gets closer, I want to remind you to stay cool.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, extreme heat causes more deaths than hurricanes, lightning, tornadoes, earthquakes and floods combined.

The best way to stay safe during a heat wave is to stay indoors and stay hydrated. Don't wait until you're thirsty to start drinking water, and avoid alcohol, which will cause you to get dehydrated quickly.

Don't forget about children and pets in cars. On a hot, sunny day, the internal temperature of a car can skyrocket in just a few minutes. Even on a 60-degree day, sunlight can warm a car up to 100 degrees in minutes.

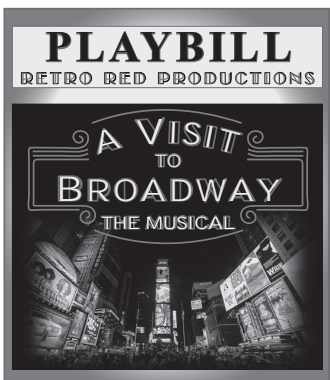
And remember: regardless of the temperature, in Pennsylvania it is a crime to leave a minor younger than 6 in a car unattended for any amount of time.

Stay safe this summer!

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Senator Wayne Fontana



In late April, after many years of debate, the Pennsylvania General Assembly finally sent Governor Wolf legislation that establishes a system to legally produce and dispense medical marijuana for individuals with certain medical conditions. With public support for the issue overwhelming, the Legislature finally came together and passed something that will better the lives of an estimated 200,000 suffering residents.

Under Act 16 of 2016, doctors will have to apply to the state and receive special training to prescribe medical marijuana for the following serious medical conditions: cancer, epilepsy, autism, sickle cell anemia, intractable seizures, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), HIV/AIDS, glaucoma, Crohn's disease, severe chronic and intractable pain of neuropathic origin, inflammatory bowel disease, neuropathies and Huntington's disease. Furthermore, patients and their caregivers will need a card issued by the state after receiving a certificate from their physician in order to obtain medical marijuana.

I am very pleased that Pennsylvania has joined 22 other states, Washington D.C., and Guam to allow for the use of medical marijuana. I have been supportive of this proposal since the beginning after meeting with and witnessing the pain and struggles so many of these individuals and their families go through on a daily basis. The advocates have fought hard for passage of Act 16 and I am happy to see that the commonwealth will now offer these suffering residents a less toxic, less addictive medicine so that they can finally receive much needed relief from their debilitating symptoms.

Representative Dan Deasy



Governor Tom Wolf recently signed into law PA CARE—the Caregiver Advise, Record and Enable Act – which will support senior citizens and their families by keeping Pennsylvanians in their own homes longer.

I supported the legislation, now Act 3 of 2016, because over 1.6 million family caregivers across the state are handling complex medical or nursing tasks and will benefit from this Act.

Under the new law, health care facilities will be required to

Council Woman Natalia Rudiak



In order to let you know about more of the work we have done over the past two years, I compiled a “Progress Report” on the District. You should have received this mailing in your mailbox. I pulled together information about legislation, major projects and news from each neighborhood I represent.

I'd love to send out a paper newsletter more often, but postage is expensive. Saving taxpayer dollars is important to me, so I send out an email newsletter every month to keep community members up to date. You can learn about community events, meetings, legislation and the work I do on a day-to-day basis in the newsletter. Simply navigate to pittsburghpa.gov/district4/newsletters to sign up!

As your City Council Representative, and as the Chair of the Committee on Finance and Law, it's my job to oversee every piece of legislation that comes through the City and assess how it will affect your neighborhood. It's hard to let everyone know what we do every single day in the office because we are very busy! I have three full-time staffers who work with me to support over 35,000 residents of South Pittsburgh! It's a big job.

In addition to learning about community meetings and projects, you can also get the scoop on City business and some of the initiatives that I am working on every day. Wondering when the yard waste pickup will happen in the fall? It's in the newsletter! Looking for your nearest block watch meeting? Check the newsletter! Wondering about early education in Pittsburgh and our effort to get more kids in quality programs? Read the newsletter!

record the name of the designated family caregiver when someone is admitted to a hospital; notify caregivers of discharge plans; and provide explanations and live instruction of all medical tasks—such as medication management, injections, wound care, and transfers—which the family caregiver will perform at home.

CARE will not take effect until April 2017. In the meantime, AARP, the state Department of Aging, and the state Hospital and Healthsystem and Nurse's associations will help integrate caregivers into health care facilities' admission and discharge procedures and educate stakeholders statewide about their rights under the new law.

Please call my office at 412-928-9514 for a copy of this new law or any other legislation pending in the General Assembly.

What's Happening at Brookline PreK-8

by Amy Cornelius Dembosky, Parent Volunteer

We are so proud of everyone who participated in beautifying Brookline in April. Our students and faculty and their families worked alongside community members one evening to remove graffiti, repaint those spots, pick up trash, and refurbish the mural at the back of the Las Palmas store. The weather was perfect and everyone worked really hard. As one student said, "This is a really good group effort!" On Earth Day, volunteers helped to clean up and spread mulch along the boulevard. Thanks to everyone who helped out on both occasions!

In May, we had a number of events sponsored by our PTA, including breakfast and lunch for Teacher Appreciation Week. Our teachers go above and beyond for each and every student

The Latest From St. John Bosco Academy

by Holly Victor, Parent Volunteer

Another year is in the books at St. John Bosco Academy. As we counted down the days until summer vacation, the students and teachers had big plans to end the year with great memories! For Earth Day in April, the seventh and eighth grade students hosted educational activities and games based on ways that we can take better care of our environment. Students had fun playing games that revolved around recycling and working together. The younger grades were pleased to watch a movie that focused on conserving our natural resources.

In May, the school band kicked off the annual Spring Music Tour in front of the entire school to show off their musical talents. Students in grades four through eight, along with the students from St. Sylvester's, St. Gabe's and St. Anne's, were lead by their fearless (and extremely patient) band teacher Mr. Booth to put on a spectacular display of melodies that came together with lots of hard work and practice by our budding musicians.

Continuing with the arts, the year-end Art Odyssey and Picnic took place gallery style to display the creativity that blooms within our students. After strolling through the lovely creations in the gym, parents, guests and students were invited to the cafeteria where the PTG offered refreshments and delicious grilled fare to wrap up another successful school year.

Enjoy your summer! *"Sun is shining. Weather is sweet. Make you wanna move your dancing feet."* - Bob Marley

and we love them for it! Thank you for your hard work. We also hosted our annual VIP Day, where students are able to invite an important adult to visit school for a few hours. This year, students and their guests planted flowers in front of our school and in our business district, collaborated on an art project, and visited classrooms. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Each year, the Pittsburgh Public Schools surveys parents about their experiences and satisfaction with their child's school. Surveys were mailed home and can also be filled out online. If you received a survey, please take a few minutes to fill it out. Our school generally has a high rate of return, so help us meet that goal again! Surveys must be completed no later than June 17.

Have a safe and happy summer!

What's Going on at Pittsburgh West Liberty?

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

As the school year ends, we are busy celebrating our accomplishments. June 3 is Fun Day. Our PTO has wonderful activities to help ensure our children have fun all day. We will be playing carnival games, engaging in crafts, and just having fun. If you are a parent with current clearances, we always need extra help that day. Please call Mrs. Brunk at 412-529-7420 if you can help.

June 5 is our awards banquet for fifth graders as we prepare to bid them farewell and good luck as they graduate to middle school. The children enjoy sharing their success with their classmates as some say a final farewell to each other if they are not attending our middle school. The fifth grade promotion ceremony is June 10 and the kindergarten ceremony is June 13. The teachers develop a wonderful program which incorporates sharing memories from the past year.

June 13 is our final student day this academic year. We are currently accepting enrollment for kindergarten. If you have a kindergarten-age child and are interested in becoming part of our West Liberty family, please call Mrs. Brunk. With summer approaching, now is a good time to start thinking about the fall. If you have an hour (or more, we are very flexible), we would appreciate your help. A child's academic performance can greatly improve by reading to an adult. You may apply for clearances now to beat the back-to-school rush. Please call Mrs. Brunk to volunteer and for clearance information.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and relaxing summer. Remember, Pittsburgh West Liberty is "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."



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