

## Dean Institute of Technology

by Dan Kaczmariski

Dean Institute of Technology, formerly West Penn Tech, established in 1947 by Dr. John Renwick Dean, has achieved an enviable success record in the training and placing of Electrical, HVAC, Welding, and Building Maintenance students.

Originally located in Downtown Pittsburgh, in 1969 the school moved to its present location at 1501 West Liberty Ave. in Brookline and was renamed Dean Institute of Technology. Dr. Dean's son, James, who started with the school in 1970, is its current president.

The school offers Associate in Specialized Technology Degrees in Electrical and in HVAC (Heating/ventilation/air conditioning/refrigeration) and certificates/diplomas in Building Maintenance and in Combination Welding. The Welding program, along with its other applications, includes training designed to prepare graduates for the Marcellus Shale industry. The programs follow a certified curriculum.

Nicholas Ali, Admissions Coordinator, describes Dean Tech as a "hands-on" school. "Our best advertising is how well our students do on the job," he says. "Dean Tech is proud of its high standards and the success of its graduates, and assures its students of the continued efforts to promote the efficiency of their training. Our instructors have been here many years. Most in the Electrical program have been retired from careers as electrical inspectors or electricians. Same with HVAC; they've had their own businesses. So what's out there is what you learn in here."



Dean Tech Campus on West Liberty Ave.

Photos courtesy of Dean Tech

Theory lab is applied to extensive hands-on training. The machines and equipment the students learn on are what they'll deal with on the job. "This is a work environment," says Nick. "Come in with your work boots on."

The heating lab contains about 10 different furnaces. Students work on functioning rooftop air conditioning units. Building Maintenance students construct a building inside the school, including foundation, carpentry, masonry, roofing, aluminum siding, and a bathroom. Students in the Electrical program wire a kitchen for their final exam. "When you leave here,

there's not a house or building you can't wire, says Nick."

The school's job placement percentage is in the high 80s. A placement coordinator works closely with the students in creating resumes, identifying job openings, and sending graduates out on job interviews.

Because of the reputation of its

graduates, companies will call the school when they need new hires. The most current list of employers that have hired recent graduates includes 172 different companies and unions, 48 each in Electrical and HVAC and 38 each in Building Maintenance and Welding. Dean Tech students encompass a broad range of ages.

Dean Institute of Technology invites interested persons to visit the school, to see its facilities and equipment, to meet the members of the faculty, and to observe the students at work. Visits can be made at any time during the school year.

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State Senator Wayne Fontana	412-344-2551
State Representative Dan Deasy	412-928-9514
State Representative Dan Miller	412-343-3870
State Representative Harry Readshaw	412-881-4208
Brookline Christian Food Pantry	412-344-8451
Meals-on-Wheels	412-343-8144
Dollar Energy/Columbia Gas Cap	412-344-4222

## Community Crimes Zone 6

May		
Zone 6 Crimes	Total	Brookline
Homicide	1	0
Aggravated Assault	8	4
Arson	2	0
Robbery	7	4
Burglary	9	4
Theft	15	3
Theft from Vehicle	7	1
Stolen Vehicle	3	0

## JULY COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### **Monday, July 10**

Brookline Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 6 p.m. at Brookline Teen Outreach, American Legion Building, 520 Brookline Blvd.

### **Tuesday, July 11**

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

### **Monday, July 17**

South Pittsburgh Development Corporation, 7 p.m. at Brookline Teen Outreach, American Legion Building, 520 Brookline Blvd.

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# Summer Tradition to Breeze Into Brookline

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by Melissa Migliaro and Beth Bliss

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The 36th Annual Brookline Breeze 5K Run and Fitness Walk is scheduled for Saturday, August 12, and there are some new surprises for this year's participants! This community favorite has something for everyone this year, including dogs.

For the past 35 years, race funds from the Breeze continues to provide exciting and healthy activities for Brookline and surrounding residents through its sponsorship of several beneficiaries.

This year, we are thrilled to partner with Animal Friends of Pittsburgh in our 1-Mile Dog Walk. Animal Friends is a non-profit companion animal resource center serving the needs of pets and people for more than 70 years. They will join our list of beneficiaries, along with: Brookline Area Food Bank, Meals-on-Wheels, Brookline Recreation Programs, Saint John Bosco Academy Activities, and the Brookline Teen Outreach Program.

Stick around after the race for refreshments and festivities, including the annual Breezefest. Our special MC for the day will be Eric Burnett from Fireside Events. Event website: [www.brooklinebreeze.com](http://www.brooklinebreeze.com). Be sure to follow us on Facebook, too: <https://www.facebook.com/BrooklineBreeze>.

Grab your family and friends and register today. Registration can be completed online or via a PDF printable application. Thanks to our sponsors, Fleet Feet Sports, all participants who register BEFORE July 15 will receive \$15 off any regular

priced running shoe (some exclusions apply).

## Early Registration Fees

5K Run: \$20; 5K Walk: \$15; 1-Mile Mini-Breeze: \$10; Mini-Breeze Dog Walk: \$15; Additional Dog: \$10. (Early registrations must be postmarked by 7/15/17.)

We encourage families to take advantage of the Dollar Bank Family Discount. Up to five runners or walkers (from the same home address) can register for \$50. A family must submit a Family Entry Form in addition to their individual registration forms to take advantage of the savings. It's a great way to get the entire family involved!

## Registration Fees after July 15, 2017

5K Run: \$25; 5K Walk: \$20; 1-Mile Mini-Breeze: \$13; Mini-Breeze Dog Walk: \$18; Additional Dog: \$10.

Registered participants will receive a commemorative Breeze shirt and a runner's race packet (Shirt sizes are not guaranteed to day-of-race registrants). Registered dogs will receive a commemorative Breeze bandana.

## Packet Pickup

Participant packets can be picked up at the following times: Thursday, August 10 from 1:00-6:45p.m at Fleet Feet Sports Pittsburgh; Friday, August 11 at the Brookline Memorial Recreation Center, 6-9 p.m.; and Saturday, August 12, beginning at 7 a.m.

## Call for Volunteers

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- BROOKLINE CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY. at Tree of Life Open Bible Church at 412-531-0590
  - BEGIN AGAIN CLOTHING MINISTRY. To donate gently used or new clothing, call Tree of Life Open Bible Church at 412-531-0590.
  - DOGIPOT MAINTENANCE. Call Lisa at 412-304-3086.
  - FOREVER HOME BEAGLE RESCUE. Call 412-304-4034 or [BeagleHQ@msn.com](mailto:BeagleHQ@msn.com). Foster homes needed as well as donations of dog food, funds and Amazon gift cards.
  - MEALS ON WHEELS. Sponsored by St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Call 412-531-2925.
  - OASIS: HELP CHILDREN READ. Tutors (age 50+) needed in Pittsburgh Schools, including Brookline PreK-8 and West Liberty K-5. Call John D. Spehar at 412-393-7648. In partnership with Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council.
  - OPEN YOUR HEART TO A SENIOR. Volunteers needed to assist senior citizens. Call Family Services at 412-661-1670.
- Other ways to help: Meals on Wheels can use donations of cash, cookies, desserts and bread. The Brookline Christian Food Pantry can use grocery store gift cards, unopened foods with current dates, or checks made out to Brookline Christian Food Pantry.

# Brookline's Combined Church Summer Festival

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by Debbie Brust

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Mark your calendars for a great time in Brookline! Wednesday, August 2, through Saturday, August 5, will be the first time there will be a four-parish and one-school summer festival in the Brookline-Beechview area!

This summer will see a change in Brookline festival fun. The Resurrection parish Fun Flair that has traditionally been held in July will combine with St. Catherine of Siena in Beechview, St. Pius X in Brookline, and Our Lady of Loreto in Brookline, as well as the regional Catholic school, St. John Bosco Academy, for the festival. The summer festival will be located at St. Pius X parish in Brookline, off Pioneer Avenue near McNeilly Rd.

A combined festival was held at St. Pius last year, and allowed the parishes involved to combine resources and volunteers for a time. This year's festival looks to be even better with the addition of Resurrection parish.

The parking lot provides a terrific, level space for the many outdoor games and food booths. Food will include the usual carnival fare of hot dogs, hamburgers, french fries, funnel cakes, nachos, popcorn, homemade pierogies and more! There will also be bingo and other chances to win small appliances, toys and prizes.

The bake sale will showcase many of our neighborhood's prize goodies. And don't worry, the Chinese Auction famous at Resurrection and St. Catherine's Basket Raffle have combined for a wonderful chance to win some terrific baskets.

Evening entertainment will include: Wednesday, Doo Wop music with Tony G.; Thursday, Open Mic (amateur night); Friday, Petting Zoo; Saturday, local band "The Wurms," plus main raffle drawing (\$7,500 total).

Join us for a terrific time! Volunteers are welcome; call any of the church rectories to volunteer. See you at the fair!



## Heritage Players Theater News

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The Heritage Players perform in the Seton Center auditorium at 1900 Pioneer Ave. The group draws actors, directors, and crew from throughout the Pittsburgh area. Brookliners are encouraged to share their talents with the all-volunteer group.

The Heritage Players will perform their children's show, *Folktales From Around the World*, August 4-6 and 11-13 at the Seton Center. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 18. Mention you are participating in your local library's reading program and get \$2 off your total ticket purchase.

### Also this season:

*Lost in Yonkers* by Neil Simon. September 8-10 and 15-17.

*Into the Woods*. Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Book by James Lapine. November 3-5 and 10-12.

The Heritage Players will be holding auditions in early August for the musical, *Into the Woods*, at the Seton Center. Performance dates are November 3-5 and 10-12. For more information, email [heritageplayers@yahoo.com](mailto:heritageplayers@yahoo.com) or phone 412-254-4633.

## Brookline Teen Outreach News

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by Caitlin McNulty

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Many of you may have noticed a lot of changes happening at 520 Brookline Blvd. In early June, we were able to purchase our space and make it our permanent home. This milestone was made possible by the hard work of our staff, interns and volunteers, and because of the generous and dedicated support from the Brookline community. Our façade has taken on new life and is home to our new sustainability program. This program is a student-led initiative that focuses on gardening and beekeeping to help the environment, while also producing food and feasts for the eyes.

We are also hard at work making changes to the inside of the building so that we can further support the youth we serve. More accessible student spaces include a computer lab, an additional counseling office, dedicated art space, a renovated kitchen, and a sound system for the stage.

As we start this new and exciting chapter at Brookline Teen Outreach, we hope to continue the long legacy of supporting the community that American Legion Post 540 started in 1939. We hope to make them proud and thank them for their contributions to the community.

# On The Issues: Face to Face with City Council Candidates

by Joseph Samuel Rogers



Republican Candidate Cletus Cibrone-Abate, center, with family  
Photo courtesy of Cletus Cibrone-Abate

*Editor's note: City of Pittsburgh District 4 Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak has chosen not to run for reelection this year for the seat, which represents Brookline, Beechview, Bon Air, Carrick, and Overbrook. The Brookline staff writer Joseph Samuel Rogers continues coverage of the election in anticipation of the November 7 general election with a profile of Cletus Cibrone-Abate, the unopposed Republican nominee. Cletus received the same questionnaire as the Democratic candidates.*

A lifelong resident of Overbrook who still lives in the house she was born in, Republican city council candidate Cletus Cibrone-Abate attended Carmalt School, received her sacraments at Saint Norbert's Church, is very active in the Brookline community, and is the community producer at PCTV channel 21. She said she is running for city council to make a difference for the whole community, especially youth and seniors, to fight for residents' wants and needs, and to give hope to the hopeless.

"I got involved with my grandparents, who were steelworkers, as a child...[and] we hosted many events in our home," she said. She not only serves Pittsburgh as a Republican committee woman, but also volunteered for multiple local and national campaigns over the past 20 years, which helped her learn about the needs of the fourth district.

"I learned that despite party affiliation on some issues, we all think the same way and vote for the greater good of society as a whole." Cletus opposes the potential designation of Pittsburgh as a sanctuary city and would rather focus on improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods. For issues that involve the use of taxpayer dollars, she believes that the issue should be placed on a ballot to let voters decide.

As an advocate for clean water, Cletus encourages residents to take advantage of the free water testing PWSA offers. She also intends to work with local and statewide leaders to ensure emergency service personnel are properly equipped to protect residents and to find grants and low interest loans to enhance neighborhood businesses. She also wants to explore offering free parking one weekend a month to encourage local shopping and will meet with each merchant to discuss their needs.

Cletus believes that the fourth district has been neglected for decades and investment is necessary for growth. "We need to strengthen our community centers and invest in Moore Park to be operational year round...[and] I would like to see the return of the once-strong boxing program to keep kids off the streets and adults active, and other community programs," she shared. She said she also intends to "ensure our roads aren't neglected anymore, like on Jacob Street [for example]."

To engage youth and schools, Cletus intends to visit and work closely with school leadership to make sure needs are being met. She also would like to give motivational speeches at schools and engage youth through neighborhood service projects.

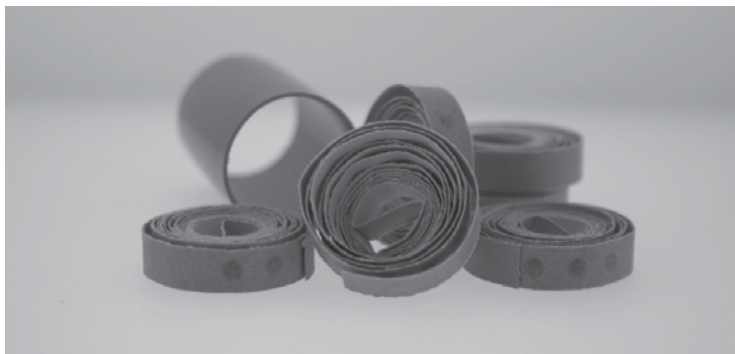
As a religious person and volunteer with pro-life groups PCUC and Life PAC, Cletus said that "it is never easy to lose your parish...[and] I have fought to save our churches and stop mergers and closings," including Saint Norbert's which merged to form Holy Apostles. She intends to work with Bishop Zubik to ensure worship sites remain in Brookline to avoid transportation issues.

Cletus noted that a Republican has not held office since 1939 and that regardless of her political affiliation, District 4 deserves a fresh start. "We are all meant to be one big happy family who will lead the fourth district into the future to make a better tomorrow for all."

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# Capping Off the 4th with a Bang

by Dan Kaczmariski



**OLD FOGY ALERT!** If you were born after the first moon landing, you might want to proceed to another article, because I'm about to pay tribute to a do-it-yourself pyrotechnic from the '50s, '60s and earlier that entertained kids of all ages on the 4th of July—rolls of caps.

I'm not referring here to Johnny-come-lately Greenie Stickums or the type encased in plastic rings. I mean the classic Bang Cap boxes of 10 rolls of 50 minimally explosive dots of red-phosphorous and potassium-chlorate imbedded in strips of red paper.

Caps provided a good illustration of the slippery slope of human behavior. When you bought a box, at first you'd be happy just laying the strips out flat and patiently detonating each dot by smashing them with a rock or hammer.

But eventually--similar to the glimmer of insight the apes experienced in *2001: A Space Odyssey* - you'd begin to wonder: "Hmm, if one dot makes a tiny explosion, I wonder what will happen if I fold two or three caps over and hammer them at the same time."

The resulting impressive increase in firepower would inevitably lead to the audacious scientific inquiry: "What if I



Cap dart waiting for takeoff

compress an entire roll of caps in a pair of pliers and, using all the strength in my skinny little arm, wallop the whole shebang against the nearest unyielding surface?" Some of us still suffer mild hearing loss from that one.

If you were lucky enough to have extra spending money, you could enhance your caps experience with a state-of-the-art aerial device, such as a cap dart or a birdy-type projectile.

A cap dart (pictured) was a small, torpedo-like bomb with fins. You'd place some caps into its spring-loaded head and heave it into the air. When it fell back to earth, the caps would detonate upon impact, provided the dart landed precisely on its nose.

Birdy-type projectiles were aerodynamically superior to cap darts but with shorter lifespans. They consisted of a stick with a small wooden bowl at the end, into which you'd stuff as many caps as possible. You'd then insert on top of the caps a small birdy-like payload festooned with fake feathers. The first time you whapped the bowl onto the ground, the birdy part would soar majestically into the air, awing all those present, and land on the roof of your house, where it would remain forever.

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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! A registration form is included below or you can register online at [spdc.brookline@gmail.com](mailto:spdc.brookline@gmail.com) using a credit card/PayPal. Registration deadline is Friday, August 4.



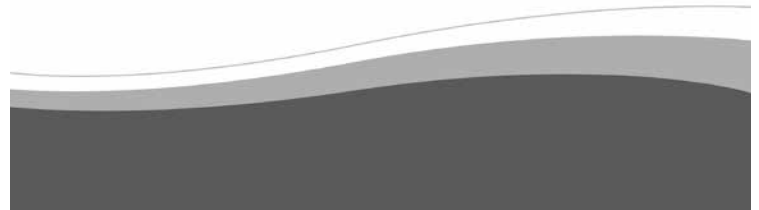
## Brookline Neighborhood Yard Sale Saturday, August 19 8AM-2PM

Want to clear some attic space? Join the  
3rd Annual Brookline Community Yard Sale!

The South Pittsburgh Development Corporation and the Brookline Chamber of Commerce are coordinating this event. We expect more than a thousand bargain hunters walking the neighborhood.

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 on Brookline Blvd. the day of the sale.

**It's easy to participate. Register at [spdc.brookline@gmail.com](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



<b>Name</b>	
<b>Street Address</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>Email (if available)</b>	
<b>Items For Sale</b> Please be concise: no more than 325 characters. List best items First. There is no limitation on What is sold, only what is listed In the map/sales item packet.	

Return this form and \$15 (checks made payable to SPDC) to  
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# Brookline Scout Troop Sends Eagles Flying

by Dan Kaczmariski

“Attaining Eagle Scout was the best thing that ever happened to me,” says Joe Nagy, a junior in the University of Pittsburgh School of Electrical Engineering.

Joe is one of the 90 men who—during the 75 years Troop 6 has been sponsored by the Church of the Resurrection—have earned the highest Boy Scout rank. Nationwide, only 4 percent of Boy Scouts have attained Eagle, including men such as President Gerald Ford, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Jim Lovell, and motion picture director Steven Spielberg.

Troop 6 Scoutmaster Fred Metting says most boys enter Boy Scouts for reasons other than becoming an Eagle. “Come to Scouts because you want to be an Eagle, or you like the social aspect, or you like camping,” he says.

Most Eagle Scouts attain that rank between the ages of 15 and 18. Earning Eagle requires at least 21 merit badges and demonstration of Scout spirit, service, and leadership. Each of those comes into play in the Eagle Scout project requirement, an extensive service endeavor that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages.

Troop 6 Eagle Scout projects have included kitchen renovation and construction of a shade area at the Seton Center; having safety locks installed on all doors at the St. John Bosco Academy building, and raising funding for American flags and fixtures for the Boulevard, attaching those fixtures, and building a storage box for stowing the flags in the firehouse.

Although the Scout manages the project from its conception to fruition, he’s not required to do all the work himself. In fact, one of the key criteria is demonstrating leadership, which includes enlisting other team members with the talents to help carry out the project. Sometimes, rounding up the necessary funding is a major part of the project, which can cost thousands of dollars.

Tony Lester, 28, earned his Eagle in 2008 and currently serves as the Troop 6 Eagle Scout coordinator. He doesn’t downplay the challenge of the quest. “It takes a special man to plan and carry out a project of that magnitude at that age,” he says. “This is not supposed to be an easy accomplishment. The work builds character. That’s why only 4 percent attain it.”

An Eagle Project doesn’t have to involve construction, emphasizes Fred Metting. “We tell the boys, don’t be locked into thinking you have to build something.” One Eagle from the Troop organized a day care service that gave parents a breather by watching the siblings of Cub Scouts who were attending a day camp.

The word “service” comes up often among Troop 6 Eagle Scouts and candidates. Michael Allen, a senior at Seton LaSalle Regional High School, is working to attain Eagle this year. He says that to him scouting means “going above and beyond what is expected of us and doing our best to improve our community and help others.” Jerry Metting, a junior at Brashear High School, also working to receive his Eagle this year, says “the Eagle Scout rank is about service to others. I enjoy that part of scouting. Getting your Eagle doesn’t mean service stops. It just changes directions.”

Along the way, the scouts develop life skills. “I was a very a very shy person growing up,” says Joe Nagy, who earned his Eagle in 2014. “People form an opinion of you very quickly when you speak. The Eagle Scout rank and the wide array of merit badges you’re asked to complete, especially the Communications badge, prepared me and helped me to speak to people.”

“Once an Eagle, always an Eagle,” says Tony Lester. “People are going to look at you differently,” says Troop 6 Treasurer Michele Metting. “You should look at yourself differently.”

Joe Rogers, a senior at La Salle University, earned his Eagle through Troop 6 in 2014. He says scouting was one of his favorite activities and a priority among his busy schedule, which included his school’s soccer team and being an altar server, then grew to include the debate and rowing teams in high school. “When I mention to people that I had ten wonderful years in the Boy Scout program,” he says, “I’m often asked if I made it to Eagle Scout. The reaction is overwhelmingly positive. The Eagle Scout award is prominently recognized and valued in our society.”

You can check out the Troop 6 website at [www.screamingeaglestr6.mytroop.us](http://www.screamingeaglestr6.mytroop.us).



Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout medal

## Council Woman Natalia Rudiak



June marked the beginning of summer and that means the pools and spray parks are now OPEN! Pool passes (or "tags") are available for purchase. Call 412-323-7928 for information about where to purchase them. Kids 15 years and younger who are City residents and members of a Rec Center can access pools free with their Rec Center Pass!

All spray parks operate daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (weather permitting) through mid-September and all pools are open weekdays from 1 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Pools are open from 1 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

### Prices for pool tags

#### City Residents:

- \$60 for a family of 4; \$10 for each additional family member
- \$30 for adults (16 years+)
- \$20 for seniors (Aged 60+)
- \$15 for youth (Ages 3-15)
- Free for children age 2 and younger
- Free for disabled veterans, families of active duty military, and activated reservist/guard members with proper ID
- Residents who receive welfare benefits may be eligible for a 50 percent discount. A case printout and proper ID are required to receive the discount

#### Non-City Residents:

- -\$45 for adult or youth

Daily Admission—If you just want to swim for the day, you can pay the daily rate at any pool:

- -\$3 for children ages 3-15
- -\$5 for individuals 16 years and older

#### Pools in South Pittsburgh:

- -Moore Park (Brookline)
- -Phillips Park (Carrick)

#### Spray parks in South Pittsburgh:

- -Beechview - Vanucci Playground, Orangewood Avenue and Westfield Street
- -Beltzhoover - 329 East Warrington Avenue

## Representative Dan Deasy



According to the PA Department of Labor and Industry, the unemployment rate for Allegheny County was 4.6 percent in April. This rate is down from 5.2 percent from earlier this year.

I am well aware of the struggles many of my constituents face when dealing with the challenges of unemployment. My staff answers calls daily about

unemployment compensation, employment search questions, and more. My staff and I make every effort to help with these important matters.

Part of those efforts include offering an online Employment Center on my website at [www.pahouse.com/deasy](http://www.pahouse.com/deasy). Through this site, you can prepare your resume and access job preparation.

In addition, you can call to schedule an appointment to use the Employment Center in my office. When visiting my office in the West End, you can utilize my employment computer to access the online Employment Center. You can also visit the PA CareerLink site to explore other job prospects.

In the near future, I will be hosting a series of employment-related workshops at my district office in partnership with Building Bridges to Business. Upcoming workshop topics include networking tips, interview preparation, and successful job-search strategies. Look for dates for these events on my website or call my office at 412-928-9514.

## BreezeFest Vendors Wanted

Wanted – Arts & crafts vendors and community organizations for annual Brookline BreezeFest event on August 12, 2017, along Boulevard business district.

Early application fee \$35.  
After July 20, \$45.

For more information call Lois McCafferty at 412-341-5788 or email: [Blvdbreezefest@hotmail.com](mailto:Blvdbreezefest@hotmail.com)

Applications can be picked up at A-Boss Opticians, 938 Brookline Boulevard.

## Representative Dan Miller



The Pennsylvania General Assembly has been taking steps in recent months to comply with the federal REAL ID requirement. REAL ID was a recommendation of the 9/11 Commission to improve security by, among other things, enhancing driver's licenses. Previously, citing cost and privacy issues, Pennsylvania refused to cooperate. Now with over 44 states

already doing so, and a federal agency threatening to limit our access to airports and federal buildings, Harrisburg is making progress on this issue.

After another federal extension was granted earlier this year, Senate Bill 133 recently passed the legislature and was signed into law by Governor Wolf. On the plus side, the bill repealed previous legislation that made compliance with REAL ID impossible. On the concerning side, the bill has created a two-tiered licensing system where, if you choose wisely and pay more, you can have a state ID that will meet REAL ID requirements. But, if you choose the standard option, the state ID will not permit you to board a domestic flight or visit a federal facility except under limited circumstances.

The federal government considered SB 133 to be a positive step of some regard and granted another extension. If this direction continues, there should be no interruption to access and new IDs will be available somewhere around 2019. While I personally find SB 133 to be unnecessarily complicated and it may literally leave some people stranded at the airport, I continue to express my willingness to compromise in any way to get some plan over the finish line that does not impair Pennsylvanians' access.

## Senator Wayne Fontana



I want to make everyone aware that the PA Department of Treasury is warning Pennsylvanians of a surge in unclaimed property scams targeting victims through fake letters and emails in which scammers portray themselves as National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA) or state Treasury representatives. The

phony correspondence in many instances has been found to utilize NAUPA letterhead, where it claims the state is holding on to your unclaimed property, which may be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. Scammers then request personal information along with the need to collect a small fee with the promise to obtain the unclaimed property.

Each year, the Treasury Department receives millions of dollars in unclaimed property. This includes items such as abandoned bank accounts, forgotten stocks, uncashed checks, and contents of safety deposit boxes. The property remains available for claim by the owners or their heirs in perpetuity and the Treasury Department serves as the custodian until it can find and verify its rightful legal owner.

Claimants can search for unclaimed property by visiting <http://www.patreasury.gov/claim/>, or for more information you can call 1-800-222-2046.

Please know that "finders" may be in contact with individuals who have unclaimed property with an offer to assist. State law requires that all "finders" and property recovery professionals who assist potential claimants assemble a claim for a fee must complete an application and be certified as a "finder" by the Pennsylvania Treasury Department. "Finders" may provide their services for a fee, capped at 15 percent. However, my office can assist you in searching for unclaimed property and filing a claim free of charge.

## Representative Harry Readshaw



This is the last of my three columns highlighting the benefits of Pennsylvania 2-1-1, an easy-to-remember phone number and web resource. Calling 2-1-1 will connect you to help for health and human services questions and emergencies. In this column, I will focus on how our older neighbors can benefit from 2-1-1.

When you contact PA 2-1-1, a trained resource navigator can discuss your issues and offer impartial and confidential advice and referrals throughout the state, both public and private.

2-1-1 can direct seniors and their families to various organizations that can help seniors who want to remain in their homes. When you realize that nursing home care can cost from about \$70,000 to \$135,000 per year, helping our seniors maintain their home living can save Pennsylvania and Pennsylvanians millions of dollars

every year.

Among the referrals that 2-1-1 can provide are home modifications, provisions for meals, transportation needs and utility assistance. Last year, almost 30,000 seniors received referrals through the 2-1-1 system.

If you are a veteran or a family member of a veteran with questions, you can start by calling 2-1-1 or visiting the local website <http://PA211sw.org>. You can also text your ZIP code to 898-211.

As always, if you have a real emergency, please continue to call 9-1-1.



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with local office staff Marilyn, Miller,  
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### **State Representative Harry Readshaw**

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# **Carnegie Library of Brookline July Events**

## **For Kids**

- *Storytime: Toddler & Preschool Tales* - Mondays July 3, 17, 24, & 31 • 6:30 p.m. & Thursdays July 6, 20, & 27 • 11 a.m. – Get up and get moving with interactive stories, songs and rhymes. Actively explore books that improve vocabulary and expand the imagination. For children 18 months to 5 years and their caregivers.
- *Kids Club: Wacky Wednesdays* – July 5, 19, & 26 • 3 p.m. - Meet new friends, hang out with old friends and try something new! Children can have fun, build social skills and use their imaginations.

## **For Teens**

- *Pokémon Club* – Mondays • 3 p.m. – Compete with other teens in drop-in battle leagues for both the video and card games.
- *Teen Time* – Thursdays • 3 p.m. – If you're into cool art projects, epic games, music, movies and just chilling out, come kick it at Teen Time.

## **For Adults**

- **Book Discussions:**
  - *Mystery & More* – Wednesday, July 12 • 1 p.m. – Join us for lively discussions of contemporary and classic mysteries, along with the occasional general fiction or nonfiction title. This month: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.
  - *Between the Lines* – Monday, July 17 • 6 p.m. – Take part in engaging conversations about contemporary and classic fiction and nonfiction. This month: *Room* by Emma Donoghue.
  - *The Buzz* – Thursday, July 27 • 6 p.m. – Join us where hip meets lit to discuss unconventional fiction, nonfiction and graphic novels. This month: *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan.

Visit [http://www.carnegielibrary.org/clp\\_location/brookline/](http://www.carnegielibrary.org/clp_location/brookline/) or call 412-561-1003 for more information.

## **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 [pdkaz@comcast.net](mailto:pdkaz@comcast.net). Please include "Fundraiser" in the subject line.

Bingo. Mondays, Church of the Resurrection. Doors open 5 p.m.; bingo begins 7 p.m.

# Old Notes By Old People


by Chip Gorski

Back in April, I had the pleasure of spending about four hours standing on the sidewalk in Brookline.

Not our Brookline, but Brookline, Massachusetts. We made a quick trip to Boston so that my wife could run in the Marathon, and it was quite an experience. As I stood on the sidewalk at marathon milepost 25, waiting for her to run by, I was awestruck and inspired by many things. There were members of our military running this 26.2 mile race--in full gear and boots. I was also impressed with those who were racing in the wheelchair division--simply amazing. The four hours went by very quickly, but I started to compare our Brookline to their Brookline.

For example, their Brookline is near a body of water known as the Charles River. Our Brookline is not too far from the Monongahela River. They can lay claim to the Boston Marathon; we have the Brookline Breeze. In Brookline, Massachusetts, the house in which President Kennedy was born is located on Beals Street. Apollo 15 Lt. Col. James Irwin, who lived for a time on Dorchester, would be part of the president's legacy by becoming the 8th man to walk on the moon. Brookline, Massachusetts, calls Conan O'Brien and the late Mike Wallace native sons. We are lucky to be able to claim the late great actor Gerald Bucciarelli, who appeared in the soap opera *One Life to Live*, as well as *L.A. Law* and many other shows. In the early to mid-80s, my wife and I were dating, and I believe we were at the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at Resurrection. Crowding into the pew, we sat right behind Gerry and his family. My wife said "I cannot believe I am sitting right behind Marco Dane." He was so kind.

Can you guess what American city our Brookline was named after? No big surprise--Brookline, Mass. I am sure at one time their Brookline was close knit. While it seemed like a very nice place, the streets were very large and congested and it really didn't have a small town feel. They can never compete with us in that regard.

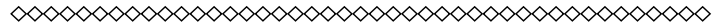


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## Free Cinema in the Park

A great free family night outside on the Brookline Memorial Recreation Center grounds! Thursdays. Movies start at dusk.

July 6 – Pete's Dragon (PG)  
July 13 – Alice Through the Looking Glass (PG)  
July 20 – Finding Dory (PG)  
July 27 – Nine Lives (PG)



## Citiparks Roving Art Cart

Join the fun this summer! The Roving Art Cart's 44th season will be rolling into the Brookline Memorial Recreation Center and Moore Park. You can paint, sculpt, bead and create a summer of magic and fun. Join us for great multi-media art projects, star in your own comic strip, create bicycle-powered Spin Art and more. Weather impacts the type of project chosen for the day.

Brookline Memorial Recreation Center: Wed., July 12  
Moore Park: Wed. July 26  
Each session runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Activities are best suited for children ages 5 to 12. Though all children should be supervised, children younger than 5 must have caretaker engagement in the activities. Groups of 10 or more must make reservation requests 1 week in advance. For more information about the Roving Art Cart, call 412-665-3665.

## VBS

In One Accord Church (Sponsored by Ministry Outreach) located at 900 Brookline Blvd

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# Carmalt News

by Joanne dePoutiloff

The halls are quiet and final bell of the 2016-2017 school year has rung. Pittsburgh Carmalt ended the year with many activities such as fieldtrips, a celebration of the Arts, and a Sock Hop. As the books close on this year, we begin to look ahead with anticipation and excitement. August 28 will be the first day of school for all students in first through eighth grade. Kindergarten students begin their educational journey on August 31.

Throughout the year, there are many opportunities to help out in the school. such as: a classroom helper, a lunch monitor, PSSA bathroom monitor, fieldtrip chaperone, or even helping with promotion. In order to volunteer. three clearance are required: Federal Criminal History Record, Pennsylvania State Criminal Record, and Pennsylvania Child Abuse History. Please contact Mrs. Diane Gagliardi at 412-552-7760 in order to obtain the appropriate forms. We look forward to working together with our parents and community to enrich the lives of our students. See you soon!!!

## July Events on the Boulevard

### At Brookline Teen Outreach/American Legion Bldg.

Brookline Community Open Mic., Wednesdays, 8-10:30 p.m.  
For all ages. 520 Brookline Blvd.

### At 824: The Consignment Shop

Art Mosaic Workshop. Sat., July 15, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sun. July 16, noon to 4 p.m. Mosaic Artist Susanne Vernon will teach this 2-day workshop wherein participants will create a 12 x 12 piece of art. It's sure to be an awesome class! Tickets are \$165 per person. Minimum number of sold tickets required to hold class. Interested? Book today! Refreshments provided. 908 Brookline Blvd. 412-440-8245

Agnes & Dora Pop-up Boutique. Fri. July 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Come shop for the latest fabulous Agnes & Dora women's fashions at the pop-up boutique! Independent Sales Representative Jen McGlothlin will have an array of styles & sizes available for sale. Refreshments provided.

# What's Happening at Brookline PreK-8

by Amy Cornelius Dembosky, Parent Volunteer

The 2016–2017 school year was a great one at Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8! May and June were especially busy months. In May, we had a wonderful fundraising event at Rita's on McNeilly Road. Thank you to the staff and owners of Rita's for hosting us! Our girls' and boys' track teams were successful at their citywide meets, which were held at Cupples Stadium on the South Side. Our girls' soccer team won the city championship! We also hosted many fathers, grandfathers, and Very Important People at our annual VIP Day. Thanks to everyone who came and planted flowers, made dream catchers, and visited our classrooms.

Our annual Fun Day was held June 1. In addition to all of the activities and bouncy houses, students and staff were able to duct tape Principal Vater to a wall! It was a great way to raise money, and Mr. Vater was a very good sport. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make the day special for our PreK-5 grade students. Sixth- and seventh-graders went to Kennywood for the day, while the eighth grade took its class trip to Niagara Falls.

Just a reminder that summer office hours are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The office will be closed June 28 to July 16 for vacation. Registration for the next school year begins August 10. Registered students will receive information about their new homerooms in the mail the week of August 21. Back to School Night will be August 24 from 5-7 p.m. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

## Changing Children's Lives

The Pittsburgh OASIS Intergenerational Tutor Program is seeking volunteers (50+) to tutor in Pittsburgh and Woodland Hills School Districts in grades K-4. Share your love of reading as you help a child develop a positive self-image and a motivation to read and communicate. An hour a week can change a child's life!

OASIS has volunteers helping at Brookline PreK-8 and West Liberty K-5. A two-day training class will be conducted on Tuesday, August 8 and Thursday, August 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 411 Seventh Ave., Suite 525 (Duquesne Light Building), 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](mailto:jdspehar@oasisnet.org). This program is operated in partnership with Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council.



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One Mile Mini-Breeze - 5K Run/Walk

1 Mile Dog Walk with Animal Friends

Register online at [BrooklineBreeze.com](http://BrooklineBreeze.com)

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