

THE Brookline

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802 Bean Company

By: Dan Kaczmariski

Megan Schrader, a lifelong Brookliner, feels our community has been fortunate to be home to a coffee shop the past 8 years. She also believes it was important to keep one going here. So, the morning of December 1, 2017, she took ownership of the location on Brookline Blvd. that had formerly housed Cannon Coffee and Café de Noir. By noon that day, 802 Bean Company was up and running and welcoming patrons.

A coffee shop is, of course, about coffee. But it's clear from talking with Megan that her vision for 802 Bean Company extends well beyond that. "I've always been attracted to coffee shops as places to meet and have good conversation and enjoy each other's company," she says. "Coffee and tea bring people together. It's important to keep the social aspect of what a coffee shop is—someplace comfy and not stuffy—the sort of vibe that makes people want to come back."

The coffee choices at 802 include drip coffee (your basic cup of coffee), espresso, macchiato, cortado, latte, cappuccino, mocha, Americano, iced coffee, and shot in the dark. Also on the menu is The Cannonball, an heirloom from the Cannon Coffee days.

Megan enjoys trying out potential additions to the coffee menu. One that recently made its way to 802 came via a customer who had enjoyed it in New Orleans and suggested Megan give it a try. "It's a flavored San Pellegrino—my favorite is blood orange—put over ice with a double shot of espresso. It'll get you going," says Megan, laughing.

The shop's coffee supplier is La Prima, a local coffee roaster that also operates several coffee shops in the



Megan Schrader at the counter of her 802 Bean Company on the Boulevard.
Photo by Amy Fisher.

Pittsburgh area, most prominently one in the Strip District. La Prima sources fair trade, organic coffee from around the world.

Also available at 802 are chai and other teas, as well as cold beverages such as Italian soda, lemonade, and San Pellegrino. Currently, you can get lite bites such as Megan's freshly baked cookies, fruit, yogurt, different varieties of bagels, and biscotti. Gluten-free items are available. On Wednesdays the shop has soup and sandwiches and will soon expand that to Fridays. Check out 802's Facebook page for additions to the menu.

When asked what atmosphere she's seeking to create at 802 Bean Company, Megan doesn't hesitate: "Community...everyone's welcome... a safe environment." During the winter months, the shop opened its doors to school children waiting for their

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morning bus so they could keep warm. "It makes me feel good that they know that they can come in and feel safe about doing it," says Megan.



She would love to host special events such as open mics, book club gatherings, trivia nights, craft shows and events, Coffee with Cops, and Paint N Sip parties, and welcomes suggestions from the community. This Valentine's Day, the shop went with Brookline resident Keith Knecht's idea and teamed up with Keith and Russ Ketter of Rather Ripped Records to host a day of classic love songs on vinyl, while patrons savored special drinks and treats. A piano sits ready and waiting near the window for patrons to use.


If you're looking to lower your blood pressure, you can check out the finny residents of the shop's tropical fish tank or say hello to Hermis, the laid-back female bearded dragon who basks in the front window.


Megan and her husband raised their two daughters in Brookline and are appreciative of the community's welcoming response to 802 Bean Company. "Many people are coming in and saying they're glad there's still a coffee shop here," she says. She is tremendously grateful for the help and support she has received, particularly from her family, and from friends and fellow shop owners on the Boulevard.

802 Brookline Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15226
412-563-0202

www.802beancompany.com

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Saturday	8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Meet Our New Team

Hey, Brookliners! My name is **Brock Boutwell**, and I am the new co-editor of The *Brookline* newsletter. Please allow me to introduce myself: I am originally from the small town of Union City, PA (near Erie). After spending a couple of years living and teaching in South Korea, my wife, Erin, and I settled in the Pittsburgh area in 2014. When it came time to buy our first home, Brookline was the stand-out choice. We were drawn to the neighborhood because of its family-friendly atmosphere, excellent location within the city, and energetic business district on the Boulevard. We first moved into our house in 2016 with our dog, Stella, and have since expanded our family with the birth of our first son, Ira, in January of this year.

We have been made to feel at home in Brookline since day one, and I see the newsletter as an opportunity to contribute to the community that my family calls home while, at the same time, meeting and promoting the people who move the neighborhood forward each and every day. I am very excited for the chance to work alongside my fellow volunteers to make our newsletter more inclusive and informative with each passing month. Hope to see you all around town!

My name is **Maureen Donahue**, and I am the new layout editor for the newsletter. I am originally from Detroit, but have lived all over the country including Northern California, Las Vegas, Asheville and Atlanta. I have also spent time living overseas, in Dubai. Most recently I lived in Chicago. I moved here because I wanted to find a vibrant city that was much smaller than Chicago.

I love Pittsburgh: the scale, the people, the hills and the rivers! I also really love the fact I can get pierogis or wings everywhere! I bought a home in Brookline 2 years ago when I started at the job I have now. I am a Graphic Designer and I work downtown (in “tahn”). I take the 39 and everybody talks to each other. I have a lot of “bus friends” that make the ride go faster.

This spring I am finally going to get to put in a big perennial garden. I love to garden and is the primary reason I own a home. I also love interior design, my two huge cats, and all the dogs on my street. If you see a tall woman with purple hair, that’s me! Say “hi.”

We have over 1,700 readers.
Pick up The *Brookline* at a Boulevard merchant.

Hello fellow Brookliners! My name is **Melissa Hill** and I am very excited to be one of the new co-editors of The *Brookline* newsletter! I’m originally from Western Pennsylvania, but I moved back to the area after spending seven years living in New Orleans. My husband, Mark and I decided to return to Pittsburgh in 2013 in order to be closer to family. We settled in Brookline due to the proximity of the neighborhood to downtown and the South Hills. After five years of living in Brookline, I can’t imagine living anywhere else in Pittsburgh. I enjoy knowing my neighbors and being able to walk to the many businesses on Brookline Boulevard. I absolutely love being able to walk to the library (fun fact about me, I have my library card number memorized). My dog Zooey enjoys watching neighbors walk their dogs and is always on the lookout for squirrels.

Volunteering to be co-editor of The *Brookline* newsletter is my way of giving back to my community. I have found Brookline to be a wonderful mix of the new and the old. Brookline also has what it needs to grow, dynamic, diverse, and engaged residents. The energy of the residents of Brookline and their love of community makes Brookline a great place to live, and attracts people to not only live in the community, but to invest in the community. I believe the newsletter is a great way to spotlight all of the people, places, and things about Brookline that make it special.

Contribute to the Newsletter!

We invite everyone to submit contributions to the newsletter. If you have an article, poem, drawing, event, idea, or anything else to contribute, reach out to us at any time by sending an email to newsletter15226@gmail.com. The more perspectives we have, the better our letter will be, so don’t hesitate to send us your stuff!



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Snow Showers to Sewer Systems

By: Michele Traficante

Anthony Coghill said, “I love this job.” The new councilman of District 4 had a sparkle in his eyes as he travelled back to January of 2018 and his first few weeks on the job. Coghill said, “When I realized 311 was not going to answer the desperate calls for snow and ice removal, my staff and I stayed into the night double fistng phone calls and documenting complaints.”

He indicated Saturday was a replay of Friday evening and the reports just began to mount with no end in sight. By Monday morning, a national holiday, the office had documented 473 resident calls for help. Somewhat hoarse from talking non-stop and writing as fast as possible, the small staff passed on the information and weathered the storm of calls.

This baptism by fire, or ice as was the case, led to a follow up meeting with Mayor Bill Peduto and new Chief of Staff Dan Gillman, who had previously told Coghill he would have to provide the data to support his unyielding demand for the return of the 4th division of Public Works that had been eliminated just weeks before.

Presenting the visual stack of over 500 written complaints from constituents of District 4 was the needed proof to convince the pair to agree to build a new facility to house Public Works’ services. The councilman is optimistic that the new building will be up and running by 2019.

Coghill is a hands-on, no frills, direct person—the mirror image of the constituents he represents. While he appreciates technology, he said, “The people are what matters, and they are demanding basic services.” He added that it is his job to make sure they receive them.

The councilman described his district as neighborhoods made up of families. He lists his priorities, beginning with the opioid crisis that is plaguing the country. He hopes the national attention that mounts every day will provide an action plan to address the serious problem, although he is not waiting for that to provide the answers. He intends to roll up his sleeves and has already begun dialogues with block watches, narcotics officers, and a gentleman identified as “Gus” who is assisting him with locating and visiting



Anthony Coghill photo by Michele Traficante.

recovery homes housed within District 4. Coghill said he wants to make sure that all of the facilities located within his district are compliant, good neighbors. He realizes that there are no easy fixes for the drug problem, but believes with the support of the communities and government, positive change will occur.

Anthony Coghill believes athletic fields, parks, and positive meeting places such as libraries and centers for senior citizen and teen outreach provide vitality to the neighborhoods he represents. He is making time to visit these centers within District 4 and will support their efforts.

After attending meetings and hearing the recurring theme of how much litter is in the city’s streets, he has moved forward with an action plan to pinpoint problem areas and try to recruit people

to help him address the problem. He has even begun kicking around the idea of creating a program called Coghill’s Curbside Clean Up. His first hands-on effort was a personal clean-up of Glenbury Street. “It doesn’t have to cost a lot to clean up. If everyone does a little we can manage this,” he said. He would like to see a city-wide clean up reestablished.

The list of issues continues to grow and Coghill has found himself drawn to the issue of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority. His district is supplied by Pennsylvania American Water, and he wants to see it stay that way. He believes PWSA should continue their subsidy to the areas now serviced by the private company and feels as though it is in the best interest of residents supplied by PWSA to remain outside the private realm. He is hopeful the authority can resolve their issues, and he remains strong in his conviction that city council needs to have a say in future actions of the authority.

Anthony Coghill finds his new position exciting, and his enthusiasm and unjaded perspective is a breath of fresh air for the city and the residents of District 4. He has ideas and a willingness to try new approaches to everything. His priorities begin with public safety, and extend into a broad plan for the district that includes other priorities such as street paving, trash collection, park maintenance, and snow removal. Ultimately, Coghill hopes to create a framework >>

An Interview With Tim Reitmeyer

By: Michele Traficante

Walking up the steps to Tim and Sheryl Reitmeyer's stone house on a steep Belgian block street in Brookline, one is greeted by a leprechaun welcome flag blowing in the wind. It is the lovely, well-kept home of a self-made successful realtor who loves the city of his birth.



Photo by Sheryl Reitmeyer

My knock brings a slower than usual Reitmeyer, who is recovering from a recent surgery, to the front door with a smile on his face. He welcomes and introduces me to his wife, who is busy caring for their young granddaughter.

Sitting at their dining room table, we begin to chat about his life. Tim explains they moved into the home 40 years ago, back when he was a corporate cash manager for Copperweld, then located at Gateway 4 in downtown Pittsburgh. "Watching and investing money," based upon a litany of factors, is Tim's description of the job. He said that career came to a halt after four company cutbacks, the last of which claimed his job. His wife, a retired Pittsburgh Public School teacher, helped keep them on track as he made his way into the profession he has been performing for the past 25 years, real estate.

The love of his profession comes alive in his eyes as he talks about his experiences of the past two and a half decades. Technology has changed the job, as so much of the work from listing homes to setting up appointments can now be run out of his home. He does admit, however, that there is nothing like looking at a physical structure and showing it to clients excited by the possibility of owning their own homes. Tim said, "The women usually make the final decision and are often more concerned with the interior living space while men are interested in as big a garage as they can find." He loves going over the "bones" of a house, checking out the vital components such as the electrical, plumbing, heating, and the necessary outside checklist of windows, roof, and foundation. He

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to enhance local business and encourage development in the communities he serves. . He ended by saying, "The people come first, and I am building partnerships with all the elected officials who serve on city, county, state, and federal levels. Together we can make a positive difference. After all, you are either part of the problem or part of the solution."

delights in seeing the look perspective buyers get in their eyes when they "find the one".

The Reitmeyers' two grown children own homes in Brookline and Tim loves walking the two miles to the cannon every morning with his trusty dog, Baylee. He adores watching his two young grandchildren growing up in his birth community. His exuberance for life is apparent as he anxiously awaits to spring into action as winter closes and the real estate market picks up.

According to Tim, he and his wife enjoy working together on real estate, as the once large market of housing in Brookline has now become a much smaller, competitive one because of the neighborhood schools, a viable business climate, a welcoming community, and more reasonable real estate taxes. He encourages families and retirees to choose Brookline as a destination.

Tim Reitmeyer just simply loves Brookline. It is the memories, family, tight-knit community, and all the amenities, both tangible and intangible, that will keep him on Beaufort Avenue and in the hearts of people who know him now and those who will meet him into the future.

A Brookline Crypto-Family: Local Streets

By Melissa Hill

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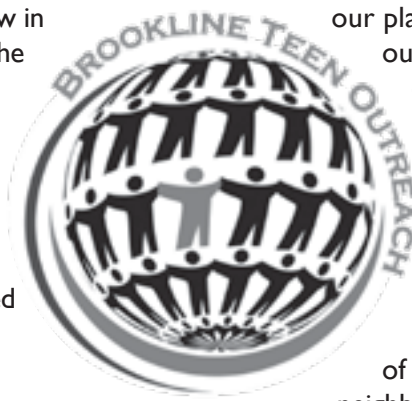


How to Solve A Crypto-Family

A Crypto-Family is a list of related words in a simple substitution code in which a different letter of the alphabet is substituted for the correct one. The words in a Crypto-Family list are related to a single theme or category. The category is a clue to the kind of words to expect in the list and will help you guess what some of the words are. To break the code, look for words with distinctive letter patterns, such as repeated or double letters. When a word in the list is correctly identified, use the decoded letters to help decode other words in the Crypto-Family. If you would like a hint, JYPXCG=BERWIN ...solution next page

Brookline Teen Outreach

Brookline Teen Outreach continues to grow in what it offers to students ages 10-18 and the community. In January 2018, we opened a satellite site in Beechview offering after school snack, activities and opportunities to learn on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 4–7pm. We are excited to work with Citiparks and to have the opportunity to utilize their newly renovated Senior Center building located at 1555 Broadway Ave.



Our Brookline site is the heart and soul of our organization and we are excited by what 2018 has offered so far. Since January, we expanded our baby sitting program, offered CPR and first aid training, hosted an improv workshop, collaborated with the Warhol Museum and CMU's Create Lab, and are moving forward with

our plans for a garden and apiary in addition to our regular programming and community commitments. This has been made possible because of the unique talents of community members, volunteers, interns, and of course our youth.

Speaking of talent, if you attended the first ever Brookline's Got Talent on March 3rd, you got to see just a glimpse of the remarkable abilities Brookline and its neighboring communities have to offer. Mark and Steph Byars took home first place, Sadie Freund won second place, and Jaye Cooper was awarded third. Visit www.brooklinetalent.com for pictures and video of the event. If you didn't make it this year, mark your calendar for next year! We already have ideas on how to make it even more exciting.

The Heritage Players 2018 Season

The Great Gatsby

by F. Scott Fitzgerald
May 11–13, 18–20

Tickets: \$12 online or at the door

The Wizard of Oz (Junior)

book by L. Frank Baum
August 3–5, 10–12

Dracula

by Bram Stoker
October 5–7, 12–14

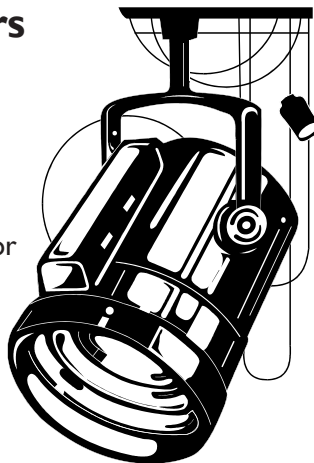
Jesus Christ Superstar

by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice
November 30–December 2, December 7–9

Friday and Saturday performances are held at 8:00 pm, and Sunday matinees are at 2:00 pm. Box office opens one half hour before curtain. Tickets may be purchased online or at the door.

All performances are held at:
The Seton Center (handicapped accessible)
1900 Pioneer Avenue, Brookline, 15226

Visit the newly revised website at www.heritageplayers.org or phone 412-254-4633 for more information.

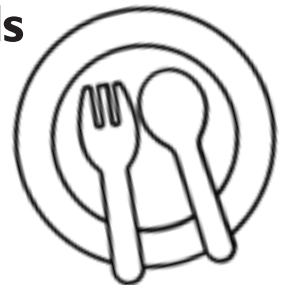


Come PAAR-ty April 7

Studio Hustle and Flow & S.O. Chic Boutique at 954 Brookline Blvd. will be hosting an event on Saturday, April 7th at 7pm entitled Benefit PAAR-ty in support of Pittsburg Action Against Rape (PAAR). Tickets are \$35 and include two drink vouchers, raffle tickets for a grand prize shopping spree at the boutique, hors d'oeuvres, and a \$10 donation to PAAR. For more information on this event, or to view future events as they become available, visit sotchicboutique.party/events or call 412-501-3193.

Free Meals for Kids

GrubUp Pittsburgh offers free after school meals each weekday at the Brookline Recreation Center for those 18 and under.
Snacks: 3–4 p.m. Hot meal: 5–6:30 p.m.



Solution: A Brookline Crypto-Family

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| 2) PIONEER | 7) MERRICK |
| 3) WOODBOURNE | 8) BREINING |
| 4) DUNSTER | 9) CREEDMOOR |
| 5) WHITED | 10) ROSSMORE |

CLP Brookline: April Programs for Children, Teens and Adults

CHILDREN

Storytime: Toddler and Preschooler Tales

Mondays, April 2, 9, & 23 • 6:30 pm

Get up and get moving with interactive stories, songs and rhymes. Children and adults will actively explore books that improve vocabulary and expand the imagination. Reading together is the most important way for children to learn to read independently. For children 18 months to 5 years and their caregivers.

Storytime: One Book, Every Young Child Special

Monday, April 16 • 6:30 pm

One Book, Every Young Child provides the opportunity for caring adults and young children to share a special book together. Visit Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Brookline to hear *My Cousin MoMo*. Recommended for children age 18 months to 5 years and their parents or caregivers.

Kids Club: Wacky Wednesdays

Wednesdays • 3:30 pm

Meet new friends, hang out with old friends and try something new! Children can have fun, build social skills and use their imaginations. Activities may include crafts, games or technology. For children grades K-5.

Family PlayShop

Thursdays • 11 am

Children learn and grow through play! Laugh, play, discover and explore with your child at Family Playshop. Play together with toys and activities that encourage creativity and healthy development. Connect with other parents. Ask questions! Each week, we'll have a child development specialist on hand to chat about milestones, health and more. This program is designed for children birth-age to 5 years and their parents or caregivers.

TEENS

Teen Gaming

Mondays • 3:30 pm

Get your game on! Relax, connect with friends and show off your mad gaming skills! Compete against other teens with great video games, tabletop, Pokémon and more. A teen led drop-in program for ages 10–18.

Teen Time

Tuesdays • 3:30 pm

If you're into cool art projects, epic games, music, movies and just chilling out, come kick it at Teen Time!



Pittsburgh Police Chess Club

Wednesdays • 3 pm

Join Zone 6 officers for weekly community chess classes! Children and teens are invited to develop their minds and practice problem-solving skills that apply on and off the chessboard.

ADULTS

Mystery & More Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 11 • 1 pm

Agatha Raisin and The Quiche of Death by M.C. Beaton
Join us in discussing Agatha Raisin, who, putting all her eggs in one basket, gives up on her successful PR firm, sells her London flat, and samples a taste of early retirement in the quiet village of Carsley. But her recipe for social advancement by entering a quiche competition sours when one of the judges falls over dead.

Between the Lines Book Discussion

Monday, April 16 • 6 pm

You Don't Have to Say You're Sorry by Sherman Alexie
Join us as we discuss Alexie's response to his mother passing away: writing a memoir that captures the raw, angry, profane and tender memories of growing up dirt-poor on an Indian reservation.

Curious Selections Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 24 • 6 pm

On My Own by Diane Rehm.

Join as we discuss a deeply personal and moving book in which the beloved NPR radio host speaks out about the long drawn-out death (from Parkinson's) of her husband of fifty-four years, and of her struggle to reconstruct her life without him.

Representative Harry Readshaw



The Allegheny County Sanitary Authority has created the Clean Water Assistance fund to help its customers pay their sewage treatment bills. **Dollar Energy Fund** will serve as the program administrator.

This fund is available to homeowners and renters who have accounts in their own name, and eligibility is based off family income limits set by the federal government breakdown of household income guidelines below.

Under the program, a \$30 credit will be applied every three months to the account of an eligible customer; the credit will appear automatically every three months, regardless of how the customer is billed (monthly, bimonthly or quarterly).

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$18,090
2	\$24,360
3	\$30,630
4	\$36,900
5	\$43,170
6	\$49,440
7	\$55,710
8	\$61,980

ALCOSAN also is developing its long-term blueprint for improving the quality of the region's waterways, which is essential for the region's economic future, its long-term health and the vibrancy of western Pennsylvania as a whole.

I urge all residents to check regularly on ALCOSAN's **Clean Water Plan** at <https://3riversproud.com>. You can contact the **Dollar Energy Fund** at **800-375-1388**.

Representative Dan Deasy



As part of my continued efforts to promote awareness on the dangers of identity theft, I am partnering with State Senator Wayne Fontana to host two **free on-site paper shredding events** in my legislative district.

The first event, in partnership with Green Tree Borough, will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, April 7 at Green Tree Park located at 895 Green Tree Road, Pittsburgh.

The second event, in partnership with Crafton and Ingram boroughs, will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at Crafton Park located at 167 W. Steuben Street, Crafton.

Residents are invited to bring old health records, financial documents, tax returns and other sensitive information for secure disposal. Documents will be shredded on-site by a reputable and bonded company.

This is a great opportunity to protect your personal information and defend yourself against identity thieves.

For more information about these or other upcoming events, contact my constituent service office at **412-928-9514** or visit my website at www.pahouse.com/deasy.

If you or someone you know becomes a victim of identity theft, please follow some tips as provided by the PA Department of Revenue:

- File a report with the local police.
- File a report with the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection by calling 1-800-441-2555.
- Contact the fraud departments of the three major credit bureaus:
Equifax: www.equifax.com :: 800-525-6285
Experian: www.experian.com :: 888-397-3742
TransUnion: www.transunion.com :: 800-680-7289
- Close any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.

Representative Dan Miller



As your State Representative it is important to me that you are informed and prepared for the future of our region's job market. On Thursday May 17th at 7:00 pm, I will be hosting a **Future of Work** discussion in conjunction with the Allegheny Conference on Community Development at the Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building.

Southwestern Pennsylvania is facing changes in workforce and job opportunities. By 2025 we are projected to have a shortfall of 80,000 workers due to retiring Baby Boomers, job growth and a lack of workers skilled in the areas with job openings. Further, as more careers face automation, the expectations and skills needed to have a successful career are changing. It is particularly important that parents and young people understand this shift and that they are prepared to enter a workforce that is different from previous generations.

We will discuss job security in the age of automation as well as the future of workforce trends and the occupations likely to see the most growth. Please join us for this informative conversation on the future of Pittsburgh's job market.

Councilman Anthony Coghill



With the recent snow and icy road conditions, Brookline residents have suffered as a result of the closed fourth district public works division when it comes to plowing and salting the roads and repairing potholes. During his first months in office at City Council,

Councilman Anthony Coghill has made it a priority to demand the reopening of a public works division that would be able to provide prompt and necessary public services to residents of the South Hills, holding true to his campaign promise to return to the provision of basic services for residents of South Pittsburgh.

Similarly, the fourth district Council office has also made a priority of finding solutions to aid the still prominent opioid

Senator Wayne D. Fontana



The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue is accepting applications for the **2017 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program**. If you filed a paper rebate last year, you should have received an application in the mail. Applications are also available at my district office located at 932 Brookline Boulevard, online at www.revenue.pa.gov or by calling **888-**

222-9190. As always, my staff would be happy to assist you in preparing your application.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters. Please keep in mind, half of Social Security income is excluded. Some applicants who previously received rebates may continue to qualify despite Social Security cost-of-living adjustments that may have pushed their income past the eligibility limits.

Applications are due to the Department of Revenue by June 30. The program is funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery and revenue from slots gaming.

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crisis facing Brookline and the surrounding neighborhoods, working to connect residents with local organizations like the South Pittsburgh Opioid Action Committee. As part of his plan to increase the availability of public services to residents of South Pittsburgh, Councilman Coghill has also prioritized discussions of increased funding for public safety employees in the fourth district.

In other news, the mystery of the missing hippopotamus statue has been solved. The hippo that once overlooked a Brookline swimming pool now overlooks the Allegheny River in a supply yard on Butler Street. Councilman Coghill recently visited the hippo in his new living quarters and has plans to return him to his rightful home in Brookline. If you have an idea for where the hippo should relocate to, please call our office at **412.255.2131**.

Call for Volunteers

- 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. 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.

Community Contacts

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