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Studio Hustle and Flow & S.O. Chic Boutique

By Brock Boutwell

Studio Hustle and Flow & S.O. Chic Boutique is a unique business, nestled at the cannon end of Brookline Boulevard in a quaint red building. As the name suggests, the business consists of two seemingly unique enterprises. On the ground level there is a modern boutique full of colorful women's clothing, jewelry, and locally-made body care products. On the floor below is a fitness studio hosting a plethora of classes designed to promote personal growth and health through movement.

At first glance, one may wonder about the connection between each floor. Speaking to co-owners Amanda Osterberger and Sarah Simone, the link quickly becomes clear. The two businesses, and the women in charge, are bound by the common purpose of empowering others.

"We want to completely encompass the mind, body, and spirit," said Sarah when asked about the mission of the business. The goal is to build confidence through the process of self-care. It is a mission that both women take seriously, and one which has brought them together from different walks of life.

Amanda Osterberger's professional background is in criminal justice. Prior to becoming an entrepreneur, she worked as a legal advocate for Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR), accompanying survivors of sexual assault into court rooms and hospitals as they navigated the system in the wake of unspeakable trauma. Though she loved the job, facing such distressing situations every day led to a degree of vicarious trauma in her own life. Amanda found it increasingly difficult to find an appropriate work-life balance, particularly after she became a mother.

"In that field, you really need to take care of yourself," Amanda said of her advocacy work. "I was not caring for myself, and I eventually started to feel numb and cynical. You can't take care of anyone until you take care



Amanda Osterberger and Sarah Simone at S.O. Chic Boutique on the Boulevard

of yourself." Looking toward the future, she decided to make a change. She left her job and started working as a freelance clothing consultant. The job offered her both the flexibility to create her own schedule, as well as the opportunity to help women by offering clothes that inspired confidence. From that point on, Amanda was on a new journey, both personally and professionally.

Similar to Amanda, Sarah Simone comes to her business after having traveled a different professional path. Prior to becoming a fitness instructor and entrepreneur, Sarah had a high-level corporate job. It was a career that she had

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been driven toward since starting her first job at the age of seventeen, and one which surely carried with it a number of perks. However, in spite of the financial security and status that the position afforded her, she did not feel personally fulfilled. Her success did not feel like success at all.

"I would just sit there and think, 'What am I doing? How am I making a difference? I am not making a difference here,'" Sarah says of her time in corporate America. She left the job and set out in search of a new way. The search led her to fitness instruction. Since she did not have a studio of her own, she traveled around the area to offer instruction, learning and growing her business on the go. Free from the confines of her previous profession, she was able to work on her own terms.

Studio Hustle and Flow & S.O. Chic Boutique is more than a business. It is the culmination of the two women's journeys. Since opening in November, 2017, Amanda and Sarah have combined their expertise to create a space where personal fulfillment can be achieved through fitness and fashion.

In the boutique, women are exposed to a plethora of products. There is, of course, a wide range of clothing styles to choose from, as well as a collection of jewelry made in-house by Amanda, Sarah, and their husbands, Joe Osterberger and Randy Simone. In addition to jewelry, the ladies also sell mugs, wine glasses, and shirts decorated with prints designed by Amanda and Sarah themselves. The store also carries all natural and organic body care products by Una Biologicals, another women-owned business that creates products at their location in Lawrenceville.

On the floor beneath S.O. Chic Boutique is Studio Hustle and Flow, where a team of six instructors (including Sarah) offer a variety of fitness classes. For those in search of a physical challenge, the Pound Rockout class exposes clients to a low-impact workout in which drum sticks are used to maintain rhythm as you flow between intense exercises. Other strenuous options are Buti Yoga, where high-intensity yoga is mixed with intervals of relaxation to the sounds of Sarah's homemade playlists and PiYo, a combination of Pilates and yoga. For a calmer approach, more traditional forms are also offered, including candlelight yoga and Old School Yogi Flow. For people with children, there is family yoga, taught by a school teacher and designed to introduce children to fitness and relaxation techniques. The classes are open to men and women of all skill levels.

Amanda and Sarah are dedicated to the community of Brookline, and regularly patronize and collaborate with other local businesses and organizations, including breweries, other fitness studios, and PAAR, among others. "There was something that just called us to be here," said Sarah about Brookline. "It is like city living without living in the center of the city." This sentiment is shared by Amanda, whom has lived in the neighborhood for six years.

In Studio Hustle and Flow & S.O. Chic Boutique, Brookliners have gained a space dedicated to empowering individuals and the community at large. Amanda and Sarah are on a mission to make others look and feel their best, and they intend on sticking around for a long while. Amanda put it best when she said, "We are doing, not trying. If you say you are trying, it gives you the option to fail."

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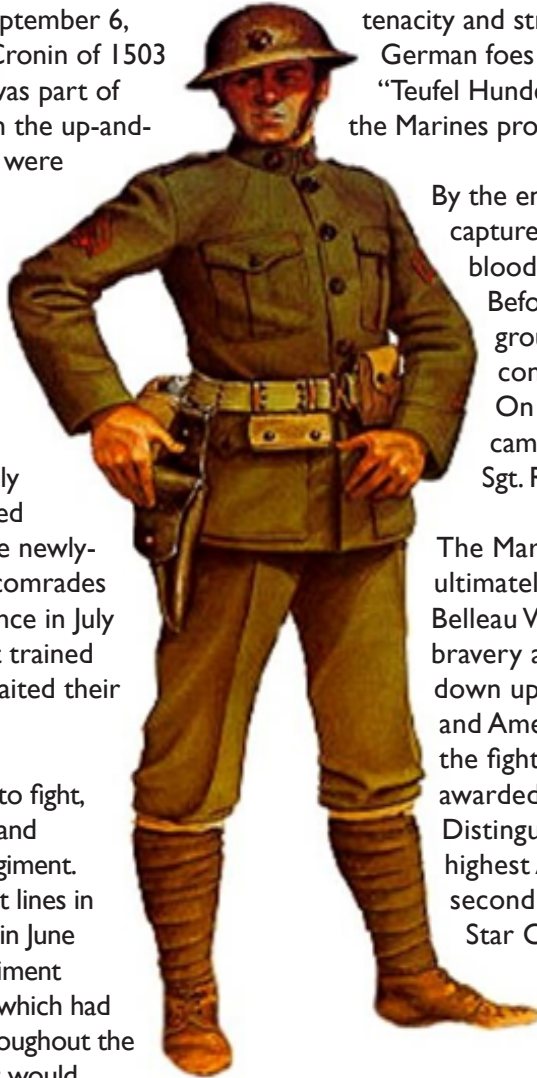
Raymond Paul Cronin was born on September 6, 1893, the son of John W. and Edna A. Cronin of 1503 Berkshire Avenue. The Cronin family was part of the initial wave of new homeowners in the up-and-coming community of Brookline. They were also some of the original members of Resurrection Parish. In March 1917, Raymond had recently returned home after a four-year enlistment as a United States Marine and was an employee of the Postal Service.

When the United States declared war on the Empire of Germany and officially entered World War I, Cronin re-enlisted with the Marines and was placed in the newly-formed Fifth Regiment. He joined his comrades in Virginia before being shipped to France in July of 1917. Once in Europe, the regiment trained with an elite French Army unit and awaited their call to combat.

In early 1918, while still awaiting orders to fight, Cpl. Cronin was promoted to Sergeant and made a Team Leader within the Fifth Regiment. Their company was ordered to the front lines in March, 1918, and saw their first combat in June when Americans (Sgt. Cronin’s Fifth Regiment included), surprised the German forces which had been steadily marching toward Paris throughout the spring. The troops saved the city in what would be a major turning point in the war.

Once the German offensive had been halted, the Americans made an attack of their own. The Fifth Regiment, among other American and French forces, was given orders to clear the entire area (a rural area 60 miles northeast of Paris called Belleau Wood) and push the Germans further from the French capital. For the Fifth Regiment, the battle would occur in two phases. First, they would secure the high ground at an area known as Hill 142, and then push forward toward the town of Torcy.

In the early morning hours of June 6, 1918, Cronin and his comrades set out into battle. Facing some of the most battle-tested, seasoned of all German forces, the Marines marched through thick forest, through a hail of German machine gun fire, until they physically engaged the enemy. The Germans, who were accustomed to fighting weary French troops, were shocked by the ferocity of the Marines. The two sides engaged in brutal hand-to-hand combat, with the Germans ultimately falling back. The



Sgt. Raymond P. Cronin, United States Marine Corps, American Expeditionary Force (1917–1918)

tenacity and strength of the Americans led their German foes to refer to the Fifth Regiment as “Teufel Hunden,” or “Devil Dogs,” a moniker that the Marines proudly claim to this day.

By the end of the day, Hill 142 had been captured in what was until that point the bloodiest battle in Marine Corps history. Before moving on to the town, a small group of marines were sent to make contact with French supporting units. On their way, the Marines once again came under fire. Two of them, including Sgt. Raymond Cronin, were killed.

The Marines fought on for several weeks, ultimately gaining control of the entire Belleau Wood region. For their incredible bravery and triumph, accolades were rained down upon the Devil Dogs by French and American officials. For his role in the fight, Sgt. Cronin was posthumously awarded a number of metals, including the Distinguished Service Cross (the second highest Army medal), the Navy Cross (the second highest Navy Medal), and the Silver Star Citation (the third highest medal of the U.S. Armed Forces). He is the most decorated soldier in Brookline history.

EDITOR’S NOTE: This is a summarized version of the full article. For the original piece on Sgt. Raymond Cronin and the Battle of Belleau

Wood written by Brookline’s own Clint Burton, visit www.brooklineconnection.com/history/Gallery/Cronin.html.



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CLP Brookline: May Programs for Children, Teens and Adults

TEENS

Teen Gaming

Mondays, May 7, 14, & 21 • 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.

Tween Scene

Thursdays • 3:30 pm

Looking to have fun and try something new after school? Engage your brain and get creative with activities including crafts, games, tech and more! Especially for students in grades 4-8.

STEM All Hands on Tech: Instrument Playground

Saturday, May 19 • 2 pm

Experiment, play and learn in an interactive technology program featuring electronic instruments and music creation apps. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) All Hands on Tech programs support learning and literacy by introducing children to technology. For children and teens.

ADULTS

Mystery & More Book Discussion

Wednesday, May 9 • 1 pm

The Islamic Jesus by Mustafa Akyol

Join us in discussing startling new truths about Islam in the context of the first Muslims and the early origins of Christianity. Muslims and the first Christians – the Jewish followers of Jesus – saw Jesus not as divine but rather as a prophet and human Messiah and that salvation would come from faith and good works, not merely from faith.

Between the Lines Book Discussion

Monday, May 21 • 6 pm

The Sleepwalker by Chris Bohjalian

Join us as we discuss Annalee, who goes missing, and whom everyone believes has met a tragedy while sleepwalking. Still, the lead detective keeps calling, and Annalee's oldest daughter begins to ask questions.

Curious Selections Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 22 • 6 pm

Ms. Marvel vol. 1: No Normal by G. Willow Wilson

Join us as we discuss Kamala Khan, an ordinary girl from Jersey City – until she's suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts. But who truly is the new Ms. Marvel: Teenager? Muslim? Inhuman? Find out as she takes the Marvel Universe by storm!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!

Monday, May 28th 10 am. Official start is at Brookline Blvd/Pioneer Ave. intersection to Mt. Lebanon Cemetery.

Lineup starts at 9 am and flag ceremony at Cannon Memorial Park at 9:55 am.

In Memory Of Brookline's Fallen Soldiers



World War 1

Cronin, Raymond P.
Digby, Percy
Luppe, Charles



Ahn, William H.
Arensberg, Roy T.
Brickley, Edward G.
Bruni, Lawrence A.
Capogreca, James J.
Copeland, Clarence R.
Callison, Thomas J.
Dempsey, Howard F.
Dempsey, Walter F.
Diegelman, Edward R.

World War 2

Dornetto, Frank P.
Fagan, Gerald B.
Falk, Harold E.
Fehring, Robert M.
Hynes, Richard E.
Jackson, Robert E.
Kestler, Paul C.
Kettlers, Robert
Mahoney, Michael J.
Majestic, Arthur B.

Mayberry, Alexander G.
Mazza, John
McCann, Robert F.
McFarland, Hugh R.
Miller, William J.
Napier, Edward J.
Nicholson, John D.
O'Day, John R.
Orient, Andrew D.
Pisiecki, Raymond A.

Reeves, Alfred M.
Reitmeyer, John P.
Rhing, Vern M.
Shannon, Harry C.
Simpson, James D.
Spack, Harry
Vierling, Howard F.
Wagner, Ralph G.
Wentz, Walter L.
Zeller, Harold V.



Korea

Gallagher, Patrick J.
Gormley, James W.
Hilliard, Gerald G.
McKenna, James E.

Vietnam

Bodish, James R.
Collins, James G.
Wonn, James C.

These Are The Brave Men Whose Sacrifice We Honor On Memorial Day

Image provided by Doug Brendel and Clint Burton.

“Be a Middle School Mentor” at South Brook Middle School

By Melissa Hill

It's Monday afternoon at South Brook Middle School in Brookline, and although the school day is over, the cafeteria is bustling with activity and lively conversation. At the tables sit the mentor and mentee pairs of the “Be a Middle School Mentor” (BAMSM) program run by the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania. Started in 2009, the BAMSM program now operates in 21 middle schools in Allegheny County through a partnership between the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania and six partner agencies. The program was started to address the needs of middle schoolers during a critical time in their schooling with a goal to inspire the students to stay on track and think about their future.

The benefits of the BAMSM program for the mentees are numerous. A study done by The University of Pittsburgh Learning Research and Development Center found that the BAMSM program had positive effects on the participating students compared to those who did not participate in the program. For example, BAMSM participants had higher GPAs than their comparison peers and performed better on the 6th-8th grade PSSA math tests than their comparison peers.

One mentor and mentee pair at South Brook Middle School that personifies the benefits of the program are 13 year old 7th grader Denise Adams and her mentor Kathy Moran, a retired principal who has been involved with the program for 6 years. Denise and Kathy have been paired in the program for two years, and it is clear from their interaction that they have a great relationship. Denise became interested in the BAMSM program because her friends were involved in the program. When asked her favorite subject, she responded, “math,” with a smile. Denise also enjoys sports including soccer, cheerleading, football, and her favorite sport, basketball. When Kathy and Denise meet, they take time to talk about Denise's plans for the future. Denise would like to play basketball when she is older. She would like to attend The University of Pittsburgh because they have a great basketball team. She also enjoys doing hair and would like to do that in the future too.



Denise (right) and her mentor Kathy (left).

The BAMSM mentor program at South Brook Middle School is operated through a partnership between The United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania and Big Brothers Big Sisters. The mentor and mentee pairs meet Mondays from 3:50 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Each Monday the mentor and mentee pairs do a different activity. The activity on April 9th focused on what inspires the mentees. Denise says she is inspired by her older brother who attends college and also likes math. She says her brother has told her, “that when you think something big, you can do it.” On-site activities also include parties and parents' day. Throughout the school year the participants in the BAMSM program also go on field trips. Field trips include activities such as bowling, a visit to a local college, and a big field trip with other BAMSM sites.

Denise has enjoyed the program, not only has she been encouraged to think about what she wants to do in the future and build her self-confidence, the program has also allowed her the opportunity to stay after school and socialize with classmates she has never met before. Kathy has also benefited from the program, stating that it is self-rewarding and that as a mentor she gets back more than she gives. Kathy has enjoyed helping Denise focus on the future and set goals.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor please reach out to Kathleen Rodriguez with The United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania at 412-456-6822 or at kathy.rodriquez@unitedwayswpa.org. If you think that your child would benefit from the BAMSM program please reach out to your school. The BASM program has a program both at South Brook Middle School and Pittsburgh South Hills in Beechview. The Beechview location has a great need for both mentors and mentees for the 2018-2019 school year.

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Brookline Teen Outreach

By Caitlin McNulty

After what seems like the longest winter in memory, we are excited to announce new and exciting developments for the summer months.

First, be sure to look for us during the South Hills Memorial Day Parade on the morning of Monday, May 28th. Teens, staff and board members will be waving and passing out candy to celebrate the unofficial start of summer and in memory of all those that died in service to our country.

Our youth summer hike series also kicks off in May! Each month from May–December, BTO travels to Todd Nature Reserve in Sarver, PA where we are the guests of the Audubon Society of Western PA. On our expert led hikes, we explore nature, learn new skills, and test our strengths. Visit our Facebook page or website for more information.

On June 2nd, please be sure to stop by Brookline Teen Outreach for A Mental Health Fair presented in conjunction with Rep. Dan Miller from 1–4pm. This event is free and open to the public. The session will offer numerous mental health resources and speakers focused on pertinent mental health topics. Our counseling staff will also be on site offering free evaluations. For more info, please visit our website: www.brooklineteenoutreach.org/calendar-events

One of the projects that we are most excited about is the addition of two apiaries to our rooftop. We have also begun a garden that will help to feed our bees. Students have opportunities to work with the bees, learn about

their habits, work in the garden and harvest crops and honey. We hope to offer classes in the late summer and early fall on bees and plants that attract these important pollinators.

Want to stay informed on all of the things happening at BTO? Like our Facebook page and sign up for our e-newsletter.



We are also excited to announce that we will host two week-long day camps at the teen center.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: “Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus” at Pittsburgh Baptist Church, 3100 Pioneer Avenue Pittsburgh, PA. 15226. June 25–29 (Monday-Friday) 6–8 PM. Classes for all ages! Visit our website for details at www.pittsburghbaptist.org/

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)

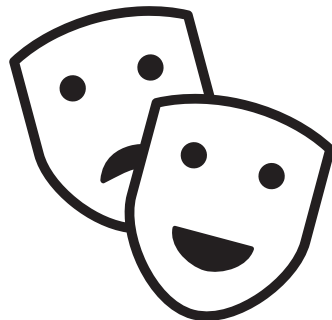
book by L. Frank Baum
August 3–5, 10–12

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.

Become a subscriber and save 30% off the ticket price of all four productions! Subscription price of \$35.00 will give you a seat at any one performance of your choice for each of the shows. Visit www.heritageplayers.org for more information, and to subscribe online.

Teen Perspectives on Brookline Courtesy of Brookline Teen Outreach

Chris M.

My favorite thing about Brookline is Brookline Teen Outreach. Attending Brookline Teen Outreach has been a series of lucky situations. I would not have met some of my best friends, or even my girlfriend, if I hadn't started coming here. My friends have shaped who I am, and Brookline Teen Outreach has opened me up to other people and my community. I have participated in cleanup days, community events, parades, and the Brookline Breeze. All of these experiences have allowed me to see my community in a new way. Being able to help with the community and being recognized as someone who helps in the community makes me feel fulfilled and proud that I can give back and share my talents in a way that will benefit others. I would love to see more youth involvement in the community because once we start to move our community forward we will see more growth and positive change well into the future.

Brittaney M.

Brookline is a home to many. People will always come and go, but the heart of Brookline beats on. Within Brookline, everyone can find a place to call their own and community is strengthened through festivals and celebrations throughout the year. Open mics, community cleanups, and other events signal unity and hope for the future when all newcomers will be greeted with open arms. Over time their stories will mimic those of Brookline lifers full of memories, pride and nostalgia. Brookline is a home of the soul and it lives in the heart of all those who pass through it.

Josh M.

Brookline is a kind-hearted community. I have teamed up with many people to make life in Brookline better. I have babysat for events, participated in cleanup days, doled out candy at the Halloween parade, ridden a float during the Memorial Day parade, and helped at the Brookline Breeze. I have many good memories of Brookline – Scoops in the summer time, Moore pool, and Brookline Teen Outreach are among the best. Brookline is the place I call home and no matter where I go in life, it will always be home in my heart.

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.



What's Happening at Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8

By Amy Cornelius

We are so excited to be back in the Brookline! Thank you to the new team for making it possible for us to share our events and news with the neighborhood.

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to our Parent-Teacher Association's Race for Education in March. Although the weather didn't cooperate, our spirits were high because we raised over \$9000! The money will be used for field trips, in-school educational activities, our annual Fun Day, and other things as needed.

The monthly Parent-School-Community Council meeting will be held Saturday, May 5, at the Brookline branch of the Carnegie Library. The topic will be the new Positive Behavior Intervention System for the 2018-19 school year. Everyone is welcome.

We are looking forward to a new event, Muffins for Moms. It will be held Friday, May 11th. Students are encouraged to bring an important woman in their life to celebrate. We will also be participating in the district's traditional Take a Father to School Day on Friday, May 18th. Watch for information about times to come home with your child.

Fun Day will take place on Thursday, May 31st. It takes a lot of work to make the day go smoothly, and that means a lot of volunteers, too! This year, volunteers will need to have their criminal history and child abuse clearances. If you'd like to help out, it's important that you sign up early as obtaining those clearances can take some time. If you have any questions about it, or any other event at our school, please contact the office at 412/529-7380.

Finally, best of luck to our middle school girls' and boys' soccer teams!



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SKIMMER ALERT: Skimmers are malicious card readers that unlawfully gather data from a credit or debit card’s magnetic stripe. More often than not, skimmers are attached to a real payment terminal and allow a scammer to steal personal financial and account information. Skimmers can be placed externally over the real card reader

or internally (harder to detect) if the thief has a key to get inside the machines. Gas pumps are a prime example.

Representative Dan Deasy



There are four organizations that offer the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)-approved Basic and Refresher Mature Driver Improvement courses. All of these approved courses address the specific safety needs of the mature driver by helping the mature driver understand how aging affects driving abilities and providing

insight about driving on today’s roadways. There are no written or practical driving tests. The course fees are moderate, but vary with each organization.

In addition, under Pennsylvania law, drivers 55 and older are eligible to receive a 5 percent discount on their vehicle insurance by completing the Basic Mature Driver Improvement Course. In order to maintain the discount, individuals would have to take the Refresher Mature Driver Improvement Course every three years. Individuals should check with their insurance carrier for specifics of their program.

Contact the following organizations to check fees and availability:

- AAA / www.aaa.com
- AARP / 1-888-227-7669
- Safe 2 Drive (offers online) / 1-800-763-1297
- Seniors for Safe Driving / 1-800-559-4880
www.seniorsforsafedriving.com

PennDOT also promotes its Yellow DOT program. This program assists citizens in the “golden hour” of emergency care following a traffic crash when they may not be able to communicate their needs themselves. Placing a Yellow Dot decal in your vehicle’s rear window alerts first responders to check your glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need. The program is a cooperative effort between PennDOT, the state departments of Health and Aging, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, first responders, and local law enforcement.

For more information on these or any other state-related program, please call my office at 412-928-9514.

COMMUNITY MEETING: Brookline Block Watch monthly meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month. 7:00 pm at Judge Motznik’s office, 736 Brookline Blvd.

Warning signs of possible skimming device:

- Poorly lit pumps farthest from the station/closest to the street
- Little to no video surveillance
- No tamper-resistant tape on the pumps
- Out-of-date pump inspections

When to report a possible skimming device:

- Inspect the card reader – compare to other pumps. If it looks different, report it
- Wiggle it – if it’s loose, report it
- Look for broken or missing tamper-resistant tape

Potential victims should:

- File report with local/state police
- Contact their bank and credit card company about compromised cards
- Monitor their credit at AnnualCreditReport.com or by calling 1-877-322-8228

Community Contacts

Pittsburgh Police, Zone 6	412-937-3051
Councilman Anthony Coghil	412-255-2131
Brookline Recreation Center	412-571-3222
Carnegie Library	412-561-1003
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	412-531-0590
Meals-on-Wheels	412-531-2925
Dollar Energy/Columbia Gas Cap	412-344-4222

Representative Dan Miller



As your state representative I spend a lot of time trying to advance issues relating to disabilities and mental health. We have made some progress but there is a lot of work to be done to combat stigma, increase opportunities, and fund necessary supports. But we also want to be sure to connect people back home with the resources they need.

Accordingly, we are very excited to partner up with Brookline Teen Outreach for a Mental Health Fair on Saturday June 2nd from 1–4 p.m. We will have a resource fair and provide three informative sessions led by experts to discuss mental health first aid, stigma, and the nexus between mental health and substance abuse. My office will also provide information about our latest legislative efforts in these areas and provide resources for advocate from all over Allegheny County to help them outreach to their elected officials about the importance of mental health and disability support from government. More information will be coming soon!

Senator Wayne D. Fontana



Final Implementation Order for PWSA – In March, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) approved a Final Implementation Order that addresses the Commission’s oversight of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA). As you may recall, the Legislature passed Act 65 of 2017, which places PWSA

under the supervision of the PUC after the Authority has grappled with repeated service disruptions, decaying infrastructure, elevated levels of lead in the water, poor customer service, chronic billing errors, high debt and several rate increases.

The Final Implementation Plan which became effective on April 1st, calls for the PUC to begin its oversight and taking consumer complaints, including compliance with the PUC’s regulations regarding terminations, disputes, and informal and formal complaints. As part of that process, the Commission will begin accepting complaints from PWSA customers – either as informal complaints submitted to the PUC’s Bureau of Consumer Services (1-800-692-7380 and online) or as formal complaints filed with the Commission’s Secretary’s Bureau. The Final Order also outlines procedures for handling appeals to the Exoneration Hearing Board that may be outstanding.

The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority is also required to file an Official Prior Tariff detailing the rates and terms of service for water and wastewater. The tariff will remain in place as a temporary measure as the Commission’s normal ratemaking process plays out. It’s important to note that this will include the ability for parties to voice their concerns. The new tariff must be filed no later than July 2, 2018.

Lastly, the order requires PWSA to submit a long-term compliance plan by September 28th that will outline efforts to bring other regulatory issues that have not been addressed in the tariff filing into compliance with PUC regulations.

With more than 300,000 households and businesses being served by the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, I am hopeful that the PUC oversight will bring some much-needed stability to our struggling local authority and drastically improve operations. To learn more, please visit www.puc.state.pa.us.

Mickey Trapolsi, Clint Burton, Donald Dorsey and Councilman Anthony Coghil cordially invite you to the Brookline Recreation Center on Saturday, May 5, 2018 for the dedication of a Bronze Memorial Plaque honoring former Brookline Recreation Director Charles E. "Chuck" Senft.



The plaque features a portrait of Charles E. "Chuck" Senft and the following text: "A winner never quits and a quitter never wins" CHARLES E. "CHUCK" SENFT BROOKLINE RECREATION DIRECTOR (1958-2003) For his decades of devotion to the health, well-being and safety of the children of Brookline, his many years of success with the Brookline Boxing Club "Charlie's Angels," and for being a role model and mentor to so many. Presented in Memoriam on this day, May 5, 2018, by the City of Pittsburgh and his friends in Brookline.

The ceremony will begin at 12:00 PM (noon) and feature a few guest speakers, the reading of a City Council Proclamation and the unveiling of the Bronze Memorial.

We hope to see you on "Chuck Senft Day" at the Brookline Recreation Center.

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.



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Adopted Blocks

- Norwich & Boulevard: Michael and Pamela Grabowski
- Merrick, between Eben & Boulevard: Eileen Papale
- Corner of Boulevard & Glenarm: St. Mark parishioners
- Boulevard, between Merrick & Starkamp: Patty & Dan Kaczmarek
- Woodbourne, 700 block: Mary Zottoli; 900 block: Diane Walkowski & Mary Anne Miller
- Lynnbrook, from Marloff to dead end: Matt & Joey Pilewski
- Whited, from Jacob to Gallupe: Michael Pilewski
- Bellaire Ave. between Pioneer & Whited: Denise Robinson
- Gallion: Lisa Wilson
- 1800-1900 Pioneer: Dennis and Valerie Rew family
- Rossmore at Flatbush & Oletha between Flatbush and
- Glenarm: Zachary and Sarah Zelazny
- Berkshire, 900 Block: McGlothin Family
- Eben, bottom of Creedmoor, Shire Place: Jill Lutz
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Call: Lois McCafferty at 412.341.5788

Email: BlvdBreezeFest@hotmail.com

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This year, the Brookline Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, June 2.



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Items For Sale: 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.	

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