

South Hills Used Washers & Dryers

Consumers often have to decide between quality and cost savings.

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Owner **Gary Henry** has been in the business for 10 years and has been at his shop's current location on McNeilly Road for the past 3 years. The showroom offers a large selection of fully reconditioned washers and dryers in excellent condition.

According to Gary, even if you weren't buying at his shop's discounted rate, purchasing a good used traditional washer is a smarter choice today than

buying a brand new model. The reason, he says, are recent government regulations that restrict energy and water usage and that have had the effect of stopping production of traditional direct-drive washers.

The machines in the showroom are immaculate. "The ones we sell are basically better than the news," he says. "All the new ones have computers and water savers in them and none of them are perfected yet, so there's nothing but problems with them. We sell the Whirlpools, Kenmores, and Maytags that people remember."

Gary, who also repairs machines not bought at his shop, says there's no type of machine in his showroom that couldn't be fixed for \$50 or \$60 if it happened to break, compared to a minimum \$200 repair bill for new models.

South Hills Used Washers & Dryers will deliver and set up for \$25, provides a 30-day warranty on all washers and dryers, and in the unlikely event anything should break during the first year, would fix it for \$50.

The shop also sells brand-new top-name mattresses at a discount rate. The mattresses are in perfect condition, but come to Gary from other stores that can't sell them as new because their protective clear-plastic covering ripped in delivery. Gary advises that he can't predict which sizes he'll have on hand at any one time, but if he has what you're looking for, you'll save hundreds of dollars.

Another service Gary has begun offering is the pick-up and disposal of what is being called "e-waste." You may have noticed in the past months that city and borough refuse collectors will no longer pick up televisions and other electronics left out as trash. Gary's service, which he says is offered for a modest fee, is for people who can't or don't want to haul their items to a designated drop-off location. All electronic waste his company picks up gets recycled and doesn't end up in a landfill.

-Dan Kaczmariski

-Photos by Melissa Distel

Melissa Distel's son Ahron

posed with one of the driveway jockeys **Gary Henry** sells.



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9:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Letter from the Editor

It's June and sidewalks are coming back! Construction has now moved to zone two which runs from Stebbins to the Cannon. They are still *only* two weeks behind schedule, and they have now added another crew. We are beginning to see the new Brookline emerging.

That brings us to our topic of the month - trash. We have mentioned the "broken window theory" in a past issue, but it's time for a reminder of the work of James Q. Wilson and George L. Kelling.

"Consider a building with a few broken windows. If the windows are not repaired, the tendency is for vandals to break a few more windows. Eventually, they may even break into the building, and if it's unoccupied, perhaps become squatters or light fires inside. Or consider a sidewalk. Some litter accumulates. Soon, more litter accumulates. Eventually, people even start leaving bags of trash from take-out restaurants there or even break into cars." (From article titled "Broken Windows" appearing in the March 1982 edition of *The Atlantic Monthly* per Wikipedia.)

We highlighted part of that passage because the Sunday Trash Walkers have been picking up bags from McDonalds. There is someone who eats his/her meal while walking Queensboro from the corner of Brookline Boulevard to Norwich Avenue. First there's the hamburger wrapper, a block later the ketchup container and French fry carton followed by the drink cup, napkins and finally the bag! The residential side of Brookline Boulevard features the trash of bus riders. If you have to eat while waiting for the 39, please take your trash with you or put it in the can.

After a 14-year wait for a new Boulevard, we can't allow trash to be the focal point of our community. Next month we will have photos and a story about the Anti-Litter Artwork Contest. Folks, the kids get it. The artwork was amazing from kindergarteners through eighth graders. Now we need to educate the adults who think tossing cigarette packs, beer cans, beer bottles and bank deposit slips is acceptable in Brookline.

Please help keep Brookline clean. Clean up the street in front of your home, and don't forget to check the curb. Keeping trash out of Brookline helps to keep crime out of Brookline because it says "WE CARE.!"

Here we go Brookline, here we go! Here we go Brookline, here we go!

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SUSTAINING FRIENDS

Kribel's Bakery did it again! We really appreciate **Kribel's** support and **Kribel** employee **Mary Zottoli**. *Larger issues are draining the bank balance.* Your donations keep us in print. Please continue to support us. We can provide a donation box and make monthly collections. Become a sustaining friend of **The Brookline**. We will thank you in the newsletter.

Donations through April 2013:

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APRIL

<u>CRIMES ZONE 6</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Brookline</u>
Arson	6	2
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Representative Erin Molchany	412-343-2094

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

To try to make up some time the construction (Phase Two) will be Flatbush to Wedgemere (northside of Boulevard) and Stebbins to Queensboro (southside of the Boulevard). There will be access to the parking garage (**Mazza Pavilion**) during construction. Castlegate to Flatbush will not be started until late July early August (southside of Boulevard).

-Lois McCafferty

READER RESPONSE

Just wanted to let you know about some pleasant experiences I recently had at two Boulevard businesses!

I grew up in Brookline but now live in Robinson Twp. (My mom is long-time Brookline resident and loyal subscriber to *The Brookline*, **Shirley Gruzewski**, who sent you a mini phone directory from "back in the day," listing many old-time Brookline businesses!) My husband needed to have a pair of trousers altered, and, much to our dismay, there is no tailor/clothing alterations business in the western suburbs (at least not that *we* could find!)

Turning to the good ole' Internet, "**Alterations by Rina**" popped up as being the closest to us, and the reviews were all excellent! We decided to journey back to Brookline and give Rina a try. We explained to the pleasant seamstress that we had come from Robinson and asked if she could possibly shorten the pants that same day. Rina suggested that we shop along the Boulevard and she would hem them while we waited! We heeded her advice, buying delicious goodies at two of our old favorites, **Party Cake Shop** and **Pitaland!**

While my husband waited on the bench in front of the fire station to sample some of our treats, I decided to stroll the full length of the Blvd. to check the progress of the street improvements and see what new businesses were there since my last visit. I walked all the way to the end to **Beach Treats**. What a find! The cute merchandise was all high quality and trendy, neatly displayed, and so colorful & cheerful. The owner was *super* friendly, welcoming me into her store, offering a cup of hot coffee and a yummy **Party Cake** chocolate chip cookie to enjoy while perusing the delightful wares, and even shared a little bit of her personal life with me! Now, **that's** customer service!!

We picked up the pants from Rina's--completed as promised--and departed for home with happy memories of our trip to Brookline!

-Susan Smith



SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

As everyone is aware, Brookline is getting a makeover. The Brookline Boulevard Streetscape Project began in late February and is expected to be completed in November. When finished, the Boulevard will feature new street lights, street trees and planting beds, traffic signal improvements, new pavement, pavement markings, crosswalks, sidewalks, and ADA accommodations. Living in Brookline, and having my district office along the Boulevard, I know how important this Streetscape Project is to the neighborhood and just how long the community has waited for it to begin.

When the construction is over, everyone wants a strong business district to remain so it is more important than ever to support the local merchants in the community during the construction. While the project is ongoing, some parking spaces have been temporarily lost, but plenty of parking remains across the Boulevard from the current construction zones and the public garage is available near **Mazza Pavilion**. Walkways exist alongside the construction zones that allow people to move up and down the Boulevard.

I commend the **Chamber of Commerce** and other community leaders for stepping up and helping the local merchants during the construction period. They have instituted a Construction Bucks program and are working hard to keep in touch with the community through direct mail and billboards.

It's important the community rally together and support one another, especially our local merchants during this period of construction. Throughout the Streetscape Project, I will be featuring a local Brookline business each week in my News & Views. The News & Views is distributed to thousands of residents each Tuesday through email and twitter. I am hopeful the added publicity for a local business each week will help generate support and serve as a reminder that what these merchants need now, more than ever, is our support.

If you're not signed up for my News & Views, simply go to my website, www.senatorfontana.com and enter your email address on the home page to start receiving my weekly News & Views. You can also follow me on Twitter, @WayneDFontana.

Together, let's let the neighborhood and surrounding communities know that Brookline is open for business!

Joanne's Corner

Hi everybody. I've missed a couple of issues of The Brookline mainly because I've run out of things to write about. Let me know what you might want to know about old Brookline.

Man about town and entrepreneur **Butch Davoren** is in Manor Care Bethel. You'll know Butch as the redheaded hunk always around **Sunny Farms**. He fell and broke his hip doing what he does best—loafing on the Boulevard. He is the organizer of the **Brookline 50s Picnic** now in its 26th year.

Tom Ryan and **Art Staley** will pick up the slack in Butch's absence. The show must go on. It's always in September at the Home Economics Building in South Park.

See you there.

P.S. Butch will be moving back to St. Norbert's after rest and rehab.

-Joanne Fantoni

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BROOKLINE RECREATION CENTER



Weight Room and Fitness Center

Our FREE state-of-the-art weight room and fitness center includes an assortment of weight-lifting and cardio workout equipment. Patrons ages 16-17 must be oriented and accompanied by a parent or guardian. Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 9:15am-8:45pm; Tue, Thu 1:15pm-8:45pm; Sat 8:15am-3:45pm. Membership card is required. Weight and Fitness Center for city residents.



Pittsburgh Boxing Club

Workouts on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:30pm. All participants must supply their own hand wraps and work-out clothing. Co-ed program is affiliated with the Pittsburgh Boxing Club. If you wish to join the club for further training, the cost is \$50/year. Fee is paid to the club. Ages 8-over are welcome.

Yoga

Relax on Tuesday evenings from 6:15pm -7:30pm with our certified instructor. Program runs in six-week sessions. Cost per session: \$50. Cost is pro-rated for late enrollees. Bring your own mat!



Girls Run For Fun

A new "Girls Only" fitness program. Girls ages 9 -15 work together with adult guidance to optimize their wellness & fitness. Girls will meet every Monday & Thursday from 12:00pm—1:30pm starting June 17. Bring a friend or come alone, don't forget a willing attitude and a pair of tennis shoes! Come get ready for the Brookline Breeze!

Adult Kickball

Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm—8:30pm. Coed fun for adults ages 18 and over. Bring a team or just come and play! Games will be played in the green space next to the playground. FREE program runs from June 12 to July 31.

Burke's Extreme Speed Training

Improve your speed, agility and power. Get measurable results with our trained instructor. This co-ed hybrid workout for ages 12 - 18 is suitable for every sport. **Four week sessions: (June 4-June 29), (July 9-August 3).** Cost: \$30/session



Summer Soccer Clinic

A summer soccer clinic will be held beginning in mid-June for children ages 4-5-6 and ages 7- 8- 9. Clinic will be held on Mondays and Thursdays. Clinic times: Monday (4-5-6 from 11:00am - 12:00pm; 7-8-9 from 1:00pm - 2:00pm) and Thursday (4-5-6 from 1:00pm - 2:00pm; 7-8-9 from 2:00pm - 3:00pm). Cost: \$10/participant. Clinic runs through the beginning of August.



Ballroom Dance Classes

A six-week introduction to ballroom dancing, including foxtrot, salsa, waltz and swing. Cost: \$15/ couple. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings starting June 18 from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. Please pre-register, class size is limited.



Ten Weeks Until the Breeze

Meet with nutrition and fitness experts to get free advice and instruction to get yourself into top form for the 32nd annual **Brookline Breeze 5K Fitness Run and Walk, which will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2012.** Group meetings will be held at the Recreation Center on Tuesdays at 6:00pm. Start

getting into shape now.

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News from Pittsburgh Brookline Pre K-8



Everyone at **Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8** is looking forward to a wonderful summer! But our year is not over yet, and there are still some exciting things in store. This month, we will have our Spring Art Show and Music Program on Wednesday, June 5. Families are welcome to join us for this wonderful event. Our students have worked so hard developing and improving their art and music skills this year.

Brookline was very well-represented by our students at the All-City Art Show which was held downtown at the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Education Center. The show featured artwork from K-12 students from all Pittsburgh Public Schools. Congratulations to the following students who had their work displayed from February to May: **Lacey Walker, Ariel Hilinski, Hayli Davis,**

Tarah Bennett, Trinity Frison, Brandon Dettlinger, CJ Neil, Chris Garvin, Sam Harvill, Zoe Snyder, Kiara Crail, Phillip Tranter, Valerie Clever, Tavon Price, Ivy Le, Lam Tran, Ashley Ballas, Deja Weaver, Benny Luong, and Jeremy Jenkins.

Congratulations to eighth graders **Alexis Harvey, Janicka Bell, and Maya Al-Moussa**, who were selected for the Investing Now program at the University of Pittsburgh. Only 50 students from all of the greater Pittsburgh area were selected for this prestigious program. Investing Now prepares high school students for successful college careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through tutoring, cultural activities, career programs, and mentoring. Great job, girls! Enjoy your experience!

Thank you to the members of the Pittsburgh Youth Golf Foundation (PYGF) who came to give all of our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students two lessons alongside our wonderful physical education teachers **Debbie Hall-Wells** and **Larry Fingers**. The top 50 students will be selected to go on three field trips to different golf venues for further lessons. PYGF also sponsors a free summer golf camp which students may qualify for; permission slips will be coming home soon.

Our middle school spring dance was held May 10. A good time was had by all! Students had a light dinner and could purchase other refreshments. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the dance possible!

On May 17, we had another successful Very Important Person Day. Guests were served continental breakfast and were able to participate in a variety of fun yet challenging classroom activities. Our third quarter Trifecta awards were also presented to the delight of our V.I.P.s.

Our families contributed so many non-perishable food items for our food drive that it took two trips to deliver them all! We collected hundreds of items. Our enthusiastic Student Ambassadors helped to collect, sort, and package our donations. Thanks to them, and a big "thank you" to everyone who contributed. It's a surprising fact that hunger in our community actually increases in the summer months, when fewer children are served by school lunch programs. Our contributions will truly make a difference to those families.

The end of the school year brings fun field trips. Our kindergarten visited the Pittsburgh Zoo, our first grade classes went to Triple B Farms, and our first through fifth grades went to see *Honk!* at the Pittsburgh Playhouse. Sixth graders went to Kennywood, and seventh and eighth graders visited Cedar Point. We also had some very interesting trips to help our students be Promise-Ready! Our fifth graders went to a career fair at Duquesne University. The sixth grade participated in a health and science job fair led by UPMC and hosted by the Pittsburgh Gifted Center. Our eighth graders toured California University of Pennsylvania to get an idea of what campus life is like. Sixth through eighth graders who achieved their 25 books goal were treated to a day at the park.

Best wishes to those eighth grade students as they move on to the next step in their academic careers! All of the faculty and staff at **Brookline PreK-8** have enjoyed watching you grow. The eighth grade promotion will be held Wednesday, June 12, at 9 a.m. at **Seton-LaSalle High School**. Another group who has grown a lot this year is our kindergarten. Their celebration will be on the last day of school: Thursday, June 13, also at 9 a.m.

Did you know that you can register students for kindergarten right now? Children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2013. You will need two proofs of address, the child's birth certificate, and some detailed health information to register. Students who are registered will be invited to kindergarten orientation which takes place on Fun Day, June 7, 2013. Pre-school applications are being accepted, too. For details, or if you have any questions, please call our school at 412/571-7380 or visit the **Pittsburgh Public Schools'** newly redesigned website at www.pghboe.net.

Congratulations to all of our High Honor Roll students for the third quarter! *First grade:* **Jonathan Bernotas, Angelina Burnsworth, Jonathan Campagna, Robert Campbell, Jr., Olivia Diaz, Sophia Diaz, Kaia Douglass, Alexander Ferris, Mia Bella Fisher, Julia Gethen, Tanner Heidkamp, Jonathan Hensel, Jr., Sharyn Honick, Hailey Koerber, Dang Le, Maeve McDonagh, Matthew Nguyen, Lucy Potts, Camden Ptaszkiwicz, Aedan Reeves, Riley Robbins,**

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COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

VACANT BUILDINGS

Buildings that have been left vacant and abandoned, be they industrial, commercial, or residential structures, are an eyesore in our communities and public safety hazards for various reasons. We work with the tools we have, but sometimes property rights issues get in the way.

Chief among the tools we use is the property maintenance code. The code is a set of rules that outlines what conditions we consider to be acceptable in the City of Pittsburgh. There are provisions for the height of grass and weeds, the condition of sidewalks, and the soundness of building structures, among other things. The City has departments like the Bureau of Building Inspection, Public Works, and Public Safety that enforce various parts of the code, but some cases are less straightforward.

The challenge is that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania grants its citizens strong private property rights, and at times that can butt up against our efforts to preserve the general welfare of a neighborhood. The same property rights that preserve our ability as citizens to own property free from government interference can also hamper the City's efforts to attempt to correct problems--specifically, the government cannot legally fix code violations when they are on private property.

When my office gets a call about an issue on private property, we try to find out as much publicly available information as possible. We look at the ownership history, tax status, and previous complaint history for a property, and we work to identify the current owner of the property, whether that's a single person or a large financial institution. The Bureau of Building Inspection is dispatched to cite the various code violations that are occurring, and their job is to coordinate with the property owner to take them to Magisterial District Court ("housing court") to make sure the problem is fixed.

But sometimes the picture is more complicated. For example, the technical owner of a property may be deceased, and if no will had been prepared beforehand, the ownership of the estate may fall into limbo. And while the City can cite noncompliance with our code, the City cannot legally transfer the estate to a new owner. In cases where City and school taxes have not been paid for a number of years, the City does have the power to take ownership of the property and resell it in order to recoup the debt in a process called "treasurer's sale." But this process can take months--or even years--and it's not always smooth sailing.

My office works diligently to approach every issue with all of the tools available to us. As always, please reach out to us at 412-255-2131 for questions or concerns.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Are you getting that spring cleaning feeling? In addition to all the dusting, vacuuming, and scrubbing, many of us will be getting rid of old belongings, including broken TVs, computer screens, and other electronics. These are all considered "e-waste," and due to a state e-waste law that took effect on January 1 of this year, the City is no longer able to collect these types of items with curbside trash pickup. If you place these items on the curb, they will not be picked up and you may receive a citation. The good news is that residents and small businesses (50 or fewer employees) can recycle these items at no charge. In addition to computers and TVs, this e-waste law includes computer peripherals like printers and keyboards.

Why this new law? Electronics in our landfills can be a health hazard. E-waste can contain harmful chemicals and other substances that, if put in a landfill, seep into our water supply, harming us for generations to come. Every year, America throws away three to four million electronics, and only 20% of that is recycled. E-waste totals 2% of what's in a landfill but represents 70% overall of all toxic waste.

These items need to be taken to an electronics retail store or collection location for recycling purposes. The closest locations to Brookline to recycle e-waste are the Goodwill locations in Brentwood and Banksville. Visit www.goodwillwpa.org/computer-recycling to look up locations that accept e-waste. You can also call them at (412) 481-9005 for more information.

You can also take your electronic recycling to Staples locations, including the store on Banksville Road. The store can accept most computers and computer-related recycling. Staples cannot take televisions, appliances, or large rechargeable batteries. Call ahead at (412) 571-9150 for more information.

And last but not least, you can recycle up to three (3) items per household per day at any Best Buy location, no matter where you bought them from. Visit www.bestbuy.com to find the location nearest to you.

As always, if you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to my office at (412) 255-2131.

[Due to an early deadline for May's issue, Councilwoman Rudiak's article did not make it in time. We are printing both of Councilwoman Rudiak's articles this month. Editor]

DO YOU REMEMBER?



Bob Beiler shared this email with us.
Bob:

It was nice to meet you and Jan at the **Taste of Brookline** yesterday. Reading the newsletter just now, I figured it must be you that wrote the piece about the reconstruction - nice article!

I mentioned my parents' wedding was taken by a photographer on Brookline Boulevard. I have the photo available, front and back which indicates the photographer was from **Ebbitt Studio**, 618 Brookline Boulevard. I have not tried to figure out where this is, but must be the other side from the **Moonlite** or **Zippy's**?

I would be interested if anyone has any history on this; perhaps there are more photos available [that] my grandparents did not buy I can somehow locate.

Pass this around; I am sure someone will have some interest/knowledge of this photographer.

-Jack Foster

PHOTOGRAPH BY
Ebbitt Studio
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[618 Brookline Boulevard is now the location of **Vinny's Pizza**.
Editor]





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Tickets available at A-Boss Optical, Cannon Coffee, Community Bank, Kribel's Bakery, Party Cake Shop, PNC Bank, Sal's Barber Shop, Seton Center, The Medicine Shoppe & Vinnie's Pretzel Shoppe

BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION CONTEST

WIN \$20 IN BROOKLINE CONSTRUCTION BUCKS

The **Brookline** will sponsor a monthly contest throughout reconstruction. You can enter by dropping your name and telephone number in the contest box at **Cannon Coffee**, emailing us at mnp.grabowski@verizon.net with your name and telephone number and putting "Contest Entry" in the subject line, or snail mailing at **The Brookline**, P.O. Box 96136, Pittsburgh, PA 15226. This month's entry is due by June 20. We will announce the June winner in the July newsletter.

MAY CONTEST WINNER WAS KATIE ANDRASKO

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

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ONE ENTRY PER PERSON

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS MONTH

June 10 Monday

Chamber of Commerce 6:00PM at Carnegie Library of Brookline 708 Brookline Blvd.

June 11 Tuesday

Brookline Block Watch 7:00PM at Magistrate Jim Motznik's office 736 Brookline Blvd.

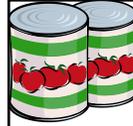
June 17 Monday

South Pittsburgh Development Corp. 7:00PM at Brookline Blvd. **United Presbyterian Church** 1036 Brookline Blvd.



OPEN MIC SERIES

Cannon Coffee
802 Brookline Blvd.
Wednesdays 7:00PM to 10:00PM



CVS accepts food donations for the Brookline Christian Food Pantry



FLEA MARKET/CRAFT SHOW

There will be an open flea market/craft show from 8:00am - 2:00pm at Brookline Park on Saturday, June 8. Free spots available. Bring your own table.



Dormont AARP #3016 members will celebrate its 35 year anniversary with a Hawaiian theme covered dish lunch, provided by members, at its June 13 meeting at noon at Dormont Presbyterian Church, Potomac & Espy Aves. President Al Wyborski stated that there will be installation

of new officers and a special guest speaker. Theme attire is encouraged!



Report Mailbox Graffiti

Pittsburgh Postmaster Joseph Meimann urges citizens to be proactive and call the Postal Service directly at 412-359-7845 to report mailbox tagging or boxes in need of repair.

Help the postal service by giving them specific information of locations and crossing streets.

-*Shadyside Newslitter*™ December 2, 2012
This is for the blue mailboxes. The post office is in the process of permanently removing the green boxes. [Editor]



FREE OUTDOOR YOGA

Take your downward dog to the park this summer. Starting Saturday, June 1, and continuing every Saturday through August, there will be a 10:00AM yoga class at Brookline Memorial Park. The class is taught by instructors from South Hills Power Yoga. In the event of rain, the class will move indoors. Must be over 18. Bring your own mat, towel & water. All levels.



The Heritage Players will present a variety show on Friday, June 14, at 7:00 PM at The Seton Center, 1900 Pioneer Avenue. Donations accepted. For more information visit www.heritageplayers.org or call 412-254-4633.



The Heritage Players will present Dan Groggin's musical, "Nunsense" at The Seton Center, 1900 Pioneer Avenue on June 21, 22, 28, and 29 at 8:00 PM and June 23 and 30 at 2:00 PM. Ticket price is \$10.00. For more information visit www.heritageplayers.org or call 412-254-4633.



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Brookline Memorial Park
Oakdale Street
Movies start at dusk

6/13 Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG)

6/20 Hook (PG)

6/27 Thunderstruck (PG)

JUNE BOOK DISCUSSIONS

At Carnegie Library of Brookline

Wednesday, June 12 at 1:00PM *The Circular Staircase* by Mary Roberts Rinehart

Monday, June 17 at 6:00PM *The Beginner's Goodbye* by Anne Tyler

Book Buzz At Cannon Coffee

Thursday, June 27 at 6:00PM *Assassination Vacation* by Sarah Vowell



PERMIT PARKING MEETING

There was a Residential Parking Permit Program meeting on May 8 at the **Brookline Carnegie Library**. Several residents living in the 600 block of Berkshire Avenue are having parking issues and contacted the Department of City Planning. A representative explained how the program works and the procedures.

There were handouts addressing frequently asked questions & answers as well as the eligibility requirements of the program. One requirement is that 70% of the households per block must sign a petition. It has to be either 100 spaces or 10 blocks. The request must be voted on by city council and mayor. This permit does not give anyone ownership of the space. Permit cost is \$20 a year. The program takes six months to two years to implement.



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- **DOGIPOT MAINTENANCE** call Lisa at 412-343-1319
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** sponsored by **St. Mark's Lutheran Church** call 412-343-8144
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** sponsored by **Lutheran Service Society** call 412-366-9490
- **BROOKLINE CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** call Pat Erny 412-344-8451
- **CLOTHES CLOSET MINISTRY** call **Brookline United Presbyterian Church** at 412-531-0590
- **ANGELS' PLACE** Volunteers needed at **Angels' Place, Inc.** Help us work with children, arts and crafts, organizing and more. If interested please call Andrea at 412-531-6667. www.angelsplaceph.org

Are you unable to volunteer your time right now? You can still help many of these organizations. **Meals on Wheels** accepts cash and donations of cookies, desserts and bread. Add a grocery store gift card to your shopping cart and send it to the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry, c/o Pat Erny, 2918 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226-2038**



SUNDAY TRASH WALK/TRASH TALK

Join us on Sunday to clean the Boulevard. We usually arrive at Cannon Coffee around 2:00PM, but don't wait for us. Bring your own bags, gloves and pickers. If no one shows, pick up on your own.

- 4/7 9 supermarket size bags of trash from the Boulevard from Pioneer to Queensboro and 25 cents
 4/14 8 supermarket size bags of trash from the Boulevard from Pioneer to Queensboro and 10 cents
 4/21 7 supermarket size bags of trash from the business side of the Boulevard from Pioneer to Queensboro
 5/5 17 supermarket size bags of trash from the Boulevard from Pioneer to Queensboro



ADOPT-A-BLOCK

Remember safety first!

- Make sure you wear gloves.
 - Don't lose sight of your hand. That means don't reach into bushes. You don't know what's there.
- Keep in touch with us. Give us your weekly bag count. We will be waiting to hear which block you are adopting, so email us at mnp.grabowski@verizon.net and put Adopt-A-Block in the subject line, call us at 412-343-2859 or write to us at **The Brookline**, P.O. Box 96136, Pittsburgh, PA 15226.

ADOPTED BLOCKS

Bellaire Ave. bet. Whited & Edgebrook - Jennifer Grab

Gallion Ave. - Lisa Wilson

Brookline Blvd. bet. Merrick & Starkamp - Patty & Dan Kaczmariski

4/7 1/3 of a 35 gallon trash bag.

Rossmore Ave. bet. Flatbush & Wedgemere - Mary Jo O'Toole

Norwich Ave. - Michael & Pamela Grabowski

900 Woodbourne Ave. - Diane Walkowski & Mary Anne Miller

4/8 **Mary Anne:** Large kitchen bag of trash

4/15 **Diane:** Half a kitchen trash bag + a full blue bag

4/21 **Mary Anne:** 1/2 kitchen bag of trash + blue bag of bottles and cans

4/28 **Diane:** Half a kitchen trash bag + a full blue bag

5/5 **Mary Anne:** 1/2 kitchen bag of trash + blue bag of bottles and cans

600 Mayville - Peg Sherwood & Mac

500 Berkshire - Sarah McCalla

900 to 1100 Berkshire - Fred & Linda Smith Family

Area bordered by Berwin, Birtley, Pioneer & Beaufort - Neal & Stewart Families

Plainview Ave. from Jillson to Capital - Jim Sheppard

Merrick Ave. bet Eben St. & Brookline Blvd. - Eileen Papale

800 Fordham Ave. - Erika Hough

Eathan Avenue - Jody Krieger

Lynnbrook bet. Marloff & dead end - Matt & Joey Pilewski

Brookline Blvd. from the 1500 block to Breining - The Baldinger Family

4/6 Started this morning and picked from Jacob & Whited only to the top of the hill after the vacant lot. Filled a black garbage bag full just in that little bit of space.

4/13 The area where I picked on Jacob last week, now has new garbage there. Someone dropped off 2 computer monitors near the tires on Jacob St. [At right is some of the Baldinger Family trash finds!]

700 Woodbourne - Mary Zottoli

Corner of Brookline Blvd. & Glenarm - Parishoners of St. Mark

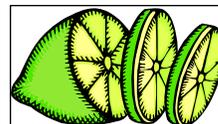
Whited - Betty Lauda

Waddington, Kenilworth & Pioneer bet. - Kim Sabol

Gallupe Drive - Tony Marcello, AST Roofing

Bellaire Ave. bet Pioneer Ave. & Whited - Denise Robinson

4/20 5 grocery bags



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What's Going on at Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5?



I can't believe it is already June, which means our school year is coming to a close. During this month, our entire school will be taking part in a field trip to Moraine State Park. We will be participating in many recreational activities such as fishing, swimming, playing games and enjoying some delicious treats. We had a successful Bring Your Father to School/Very Important Person Day. Thank you to all the family members who came to support their child on this occasion. Our guests enjoyed watching a performance by

our ballroom dancers, eating breakfast with their child (ren) and playing outdoor activities. Thank you also to those who came out and supported TEAM RED at the Dancing Classroom Ballroom Dancing Competition held at Pittsburgh Allerdice High School. **Pittsburgh West Liberty** took silver place. Congratulations to our fifth grade dancers; they worked very hard and showed their bling. Usually, as we wind down the school year, our news article discusses joyful preparations for the next school year next year. This year's news article is different, as we will be saying good-bye to some prominent people at **West Liberty**.

It is with GREAT sadness that I report the retirement of **Mrs. Kathy Moran**, our principal. For those of you who don't know **Mrs. Moran**, she has dedicated 37 years of her life to **Pittsburgh Public Schools**. **Mrs. Moran** started as an aide and then became a classroom teacher. After her teaching service, she became a principal. She was Assistant Principal at Roosevelt Elementary and Principal at **West Liberty** for the past 5 years. She has immensely helped me with our monthly articles. I will greatly miss my co-writer. **Mrs. Moran** has always placed an importance on education, and she has a great appreciation for the importance of family. She has a wonderful personality and a great sense of humor. **Mrs. Moran** has guided her teachers and supported their roles at **West Liberty**. She will truly be missed. Another change is that our PTO President, **Heather Fulton**, will also be leaving **West Liberty**.

Heather Fulton has been a wonderful PTO president at **Pittsburgh West Liberty** for the past 5 years. She places a special emphasis on having fun at school. She loves to participate in activities with the children, and she always goes above and beyond. Whenever you comment or thank Heather for all that she's done, her response is always "it's for the kids." Since her children will be moving to middle school, Heather will no longer be our PTO president. Her great sense of humor, energy and dedication will also be missed. We wish both these wonderful ladies, **Mrs. Moran** and **Mrs. Fulton**, all the best in the future and hope to see you soon.

Please watch for next month's article with our final listing of honor roll students for the 2012-2013 school year. I hope you will have a wonderful summer, and I'll continue to keep you informed on the upcoming events at **Pittsburgh West Liberty**. Remember **Pittsburgh West Liberty** is "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."

Kathy Moran, Principal

Teresa Grusong-Adams, First Grade Teacher

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FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

In June we celebrate National Family Month, which is a great time to reflect on your family and how to make it stronger. As the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reminds us, strong families share many valuable qualities: trust, commitment, communication, growth, affection, fun, and love.

Strong families are more likely to grow through a crisis, allowing the difficult experience to bring them even closer together.

In the unfortunate event of a family member's death, we want you to know that Social Security is here to help. In addition to the emotional difficulty family members experience, there is often a financial burden as well, especially if the family's main wage earner dies. In such cases, Social Security survivors benefits will help.

Did you know that nearly every child in America could get Social Security survivors benefits if a working parent dies? And Social Security pays more benefits to children than any other federal program. Although many people think Social Security is just a retirement program, you should know that Social Security also provides survivors insurance benefits for workers and their families. If you're like most people, the value of the survivors insurance you have under Social Security is probably more than the value of any individual life insurance you may own. And you don't even need to sign up for a separate policy; by working and paying Social Security tax, you are most likely already insured without even knowing it.

Family members who may be able to receive survivors benefits based on your work record include a widow or widower, unmarried children up to age 19 and still in high school, and under certain circumstances, stepchildren, grandchildren, stepgrandchildren, adopted children, and dependent parents.

If you'd like to learn more about survivors benefits, and how to apply, you should read our publication, *Survivors Benefits*, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

You can find additional useful information, such as our survivors planner and information about how to apply for survivors benefits, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/survivors.htm.

-*Patricia Thibault*, Social Security Manager

SPDC was pleased to receive a \$25,000 grant from the design center in support of a market study and branding campaign for Brookline. We are working with Christine Mondor from evolveEA to develop the study and campaign to determine the best ways to bring visitors, residents, and businesses to Brookline. There will be two public meetings to elicit public input, and a final meeting to present the plan/campaign to the community. The first meeting is

June 19 St. Mark's Church at the corner of Brookline Blvd. & Glenarm Ave. 7:00PM



NEW STATE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING LAW TO TAKE EFFECT

“Due to a mandatory state law, beginning January 1, 2013, the City is no longer legally permitted to collect TVs, computers and computer parts at the curb. This new law seeks to keep harmful metals such as cadmium, lead and mercury out of the waste stream.”

-*City of Pittsburgh Recycle Flyer, Winter 2013*

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Brookline's Honorary Fireman and Ambassador of Good Will

The Brookline firehouse has stood on Brookline Boulevard for over a century. For nearly 40 of those 100 years, one man stood out among the crew of city firemen. He became a fixture at the firehouse, and his duties took him to all corners of Brookline. His daily walks around the community brought him in contact with the residents, and his kind-hearted manner endeared him to everyone. His name is **George Gilfoyle**, and he is affectionately known as Brother George.

George was born in 1945 and lived for a short time in Perrysville. When George was 10, his family, which includes sisters Sharyn and Kathleen, and brother Michael, moved to Brookline and settled on Berwin Avenue. George soon became a regular visitor at the Brookline firehouse. By age 12 he was spending so much time there, and was so helpful and inquisitive, that the firemen began assigning him various volunteer duties.

George was a student, and later a workshop assistant, at the South Park Opportunity Center. When he wasn't at school, he was at the firehouse. As George grew and matured, he was named an honorary member of the firehouse crew. His assignment was to inspect the Gamewell fire alarm boxes that were installed on telephone poles around the community. This was a very important job, and George went about his task with due diligence and devotion.

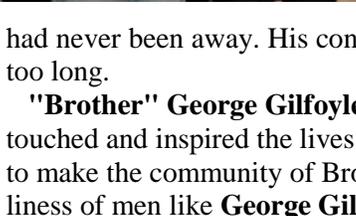
Armed with his clipboard, flashlight and radio, he would travel the streets of Brookline, going from one alarm box to the next. He would report in to the station and then test the boxes to make sure they were in working order. In the event of a neighborhood fire, George would take off running and often arrive at the scene before the fire truck and crew. The community of Brookline was always a safer place when George was on duty.

During his daily walks, George got to know most everyone in Brookline. He was always ready to stop and talk to his many friends. He had a special way of interacting with people of all ages. He would ask the kids how they were doing in school and take the time to educate them on fire safety. He was always kind to the ladies and enjoyed having a cup of coffee with his many acquaintances on the Boulevard. Anytime a friend would pass by and shout, "Hello, Brother George," he would stop in his tracks and wave warmly until the passerby was out-of-sight. He loved being around people.

A devout Catholic, George regularly attended Mass at **Resurrection Church**. He was an altar server in the 1980s for **Father John Marcucci**. When not assisting with the service, George sat near the front of the church, praying ever so sincerely. Whenever a friend entered the sanctuary, George would stand up and wave. With so many friends to his credit, George did a lot of standing and waving during Mass. The gestures were so genuine that not even the priests would interrupt. It was classic **George Gilfoyle**.

In 2000, George was named an honorary Battalion Chief, an honor that he held dear to his heart. George remained at his post in the firehouse until 2004, when health issues forced him to stay closer to home. It didn't take long before people around the community began asking, "Where's George?"

For the past several years George has remained at home, now on Fernhill Avenue, helping to care for his mother. His prolonged absence at the firehouse had many people wondering what had happened to the gentle man with the contagious smile who, over the years, had become one of Brookline's most iconic figures, a community guardian and ambassador of good will.



For those that have been wondering, George is doing fine. Now age sixty-eight, he has slowed a bit, and his duties at home keep him from his familiar post at the firehouse, but his heart still belongs to his many friends in Brookline, whom he misses very much.

On Sunday, April 28, 2013, after so many years away from the public spotlight, George finally came out for a visit. At the **Taste of Brookline** event at **Resurrection Church**, **Brother George Gilfoyle** was in attendance to accept awards for his dedication and devotion to Brookline. He received a plaque from the community, a tin of cookies from his friends at **Resurrection**, and to top it off, he was given a proclamation from the City of Pittsburgh declaring April 28, 2013 as "**George Gilfoyle Day**."

It was a great day for George, and a recognition that was long overdue. Seeing George mingling with friends and neighbors once again was heartwarming. It was as though he had never been away. His contagious smile and quick wit are something that have been missing here in Brookline for far too long.

"Brother" George Gilfoyle is one of those rare individuals that have a special talent for making people happy. He has touched and inspired the lives of so many people over the years and, in his own unique way, has done as much as anyone to make the community of Brookline a better place. The world could use more of the happiness and good-natured friendliness of men like **George Gilfoyle**. *Clint Burton* <http://www.brooklineconnection.com/history/Personalities/George.html>

Resurrection Fun Flair



Church carnivals offer summer fun for the entire family and are a wonderful way to enjoy an evening filled with the sights, sounds and tastes you can only get from a community festival. If you've lived in Brookline for more than one summer you're probably familiar with the **Resurrection Fun Flair**. If you're not familiar with the Fun Flair then you are missing out on something special! **Resurrection** is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Fun Flair this year from Wednesday, July 10, through Saturday, July 13. The festivities begin at 7:00pm each evening and there will be plenty of food, fun and excitement for the entire family.

This year's attractions include: Bake Sale, Bingo, Garage Sale, Chinese Auction, Christmas in July, Food Court, Grocery and Appliances, Funnel Cakes, Games and Prizes, Ice Cream Parlor, Waffles and Perogies, Wheel Barrow of Beer, 50/50, Various

Raffles, a Fish Fry and much more!

The Fun Flair includes both indoor and outdoor facilities on the church grounds. **Resurrection Church** is tucked away at 1100 Creedmoor Avenue so if you're not exactly familiar with where it is you can go to the church website at <http://www.eres.si.com> to find directions and for more information. Look for the Fun Flair banners and posters in and around Brookline in late June and early July. Mark your calendar and come enjoy the Fun Flair's 40th year of festivities!

-Frank Dattilo



**FATHER'S
DAY
JUNE 16**



**STARTS
JUNE 21**

News from Pittsburgh Brookline Pre K-8

(Continued from page 6)

Jolee Rothermel, Zakkary Schroeder, Cassandra Smith, Alexia Tsoukalas, Brayden Withrow, and David Zulka.

Second grade: Phillip Boland, Jasmine Castaneda, Isaiah Dixon, Andrew Ferris, Natalie Goodman, Evan Katz, Johan Kilmer, Paige Kuisis, Brianna Kunz, Abigail McMahan, Donna Newman, Jolene Scott, Tyler Szoszorek, and Aristocles Xenakis.

Third grade: Joseph AlIbrahimi, Madilyn Alley, Leondo Alston, Madelynn Bergstein, Kathryn Bodnar, Isabella Buono, Isabella Burkhard, Jocee Cernick, Casey Cunningham, Alex Dayoub, Ayden Dickman, Clarice Dissell, Griffin Engelhardt, Alexandros Fekos, Joseph Flores Roman, Claire Holieb, Karaline Hunter, Malana Kuhn, Ryan Le, Jasper Martin, Mya Maxwell, Diangelo Paez, Jazelle Reay, Travis Strang, Devin Thompson, Kaitlyn Veltri, Sarah Voelker, Anthony Winters, and Lillian Worcester.

Fourth grade: Jessie Assaf, Madigan Balfe, Katherine Bobula, Julianna Buono, Jenna Gentert-Corso, Alison Harvill, Jaida Heidkamp, Samantha Langhoff, Sean Lord, Aeva Miglioretti, Caleb Robear, Roland Snyder, Opal Sullivan, Giana Swasey, Lauren Sweeney, Christian Tarrant, Chau Truong, Chuong Truong, Liam Weyand, and Madison Young.

Sixth grade: Navante Banks-Germany, Celina Clark, Richard Dunner, Colby Gentert-Corso, Katie Gerba, Gaige Grzelka, Jordan Jackson, Veronica James, James Kottler, Jacob Lau, Mya Marzan, Kaitlin McCarthy, Sandra McElroy, Rachel McGough, Austin Peters, April Rigot, Kaylie Rothermel, Zackary Rush, Lena Stalker, Edith Sullivan, Pamela Tomassi, Thao Tran, Mackenzie Trosky, and Marisa Wolff.

Seventh grade: Ashley Ballas, Tarah Barrett, Jamie Ferrieri, Trinity Frison, Samantha Harvill, Zachary Lord, Benny Luong, Sarah Miller, Autumn Rigot, Jada Simon, Zoe Snyder, Carson Stokes, and Anthony Veltri.

Eighth grade: Maya Al-Moussa, Janicka Bell, Kaitlyn Falce, Shane Gerba, Alexis Harvey, Robert Hawkins, Thomas Herzer, Vivienne Johnson, Tyler McGough, Jessica Shively, and Victoria Williams.

Finally, thank you to everyone – staff, students, and families – for all of your hard work this year! Have a great summer, and we'll see you in the fall!

-Amy Cornelius Dembosky, parent
-Patty Gardner, First Grade Teacher

Pitaland Serving Up Mediterranean Meals in New Cafe



Construction on Brookline Boulevard is still going strong, but inside **Pitaland**, renovations are complete and a new cafe is now open for business.

The **Pitaland Cafe** opened May 3, and executive chef **Greg Twardy** said despite the construction outside the store, business inside has been good.

"This has been very well received so far and there's been very good feedback," he said. "The best thing is we've been getting a lot of the other business owners stopping in, so there's a lot of local support."

The new cafe features a large menu of Mediterranean specialties, hand-made sandwiches, salads and soups, as well as hummus, pies and other

baked goods.

The grocery store also got an updated look, with new shelves and signs to showcase classic **Pitaland** products.

Like the grocery store, the cafe will operate Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The cafe is closed on Sundays, but **Pitaland's** grocery store remains open on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Twardy said a few tables and chairs likely will be put on the sidewalk once construction in front of the store is done to create a small outdoor seating area.

"We've been told sidewalks will probably be in by Friday, which will help with foot traffic," Twardy said. "Once those are in we'll plan for a big grand opening."

More information can be found on the [Pitaland website](#) or the [Pitaland Facebook page](#). **Pitaland** also has a [Twitter account](#).

-Erin Faulk

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