

## THREE RIVERS MARTIAL ARTS

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There's a new Karate Kid in town! That's right; karate is back in Brookline. **Three Rivers Martial Arts** opened in May, and their long awaited return to Brookline has been well received.

**Dan Camarco** is a lifelong Brookline resident who started taking karate at the age of 11 at Fawcett Karate with Master Eric Fawcett. He would end up training there with many people for nearly 16 years. Dan tested for his first degree black belt at the age of 14 and then started to help teach classes shortly thereafter. He tested for his second degree black belt at the age of 16. He officially became recognized as an instructor in December 2002, receiving his new title as part of a Christmas present shortly after turning 18. Upon being recognized as an instructor, he began taking on an increasingly large role in teaching classes at the school. In 2004, he tested for his third degree black belt at the age of 19. After several years of continuing to teach classes with increasing frequency, he was awarded the rank of fourth degree black belt, the rank of Master, on April 26, 2008, at 23 years old. This was a very high honor to be placed upon someone so young.

As Master Fawcett decided to retire from Karate, Master Camarco obtained the school and moved it from Banksville back to Brookline. The school is still in the renovation stage but it is now a full-fledged karate studio offering kids and adult classes. This Christian-based school is different from all other schools in that the students will pray before class; it also promotes the values and principles of family, training together so everyone improves. Students test for their belt (rank) throughout the year, and the kids celebrate afterwards with fun week. Fun week is a chance to reward the kids for their hard work and dedication prior to testing. Fun week often includes dodge ball, sumo wrestling, obstacle courses and more.



Children's classes help encourage balance, coordination, self-control, patience, respect, responsibility and confidence while giving the students hands-on experience in self defense and karate basics. Adult classes promote self defense, grappling/sparring, weapons and martial arts training, and offer great workouts. Karatecise/Kickboxing classes will be offered shortly. If you are looking for a great workout that is fun, challenging, and full of energy, then the kickboxing class is what you are looking for!

Children's classes are currently offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Adult classes are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm. Tuition is affordable, and family rates are available. Mention that you saw the school featured in **The Brookline** and receive one free trial week!

Article & photos by **Valerie Zipay**

[Valerie is the Chiropractor across from **PNC Bank** in Brookline. Her children have been taking classes with Master Fawcett and Master Camarco for 8 years.]



## Letter from the Editor

A recent experience has caused us to ruminate over a quote from Edmund Burke. "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." We witnessed a crime and called 911. After answering **Officer Spinwebber's** questions, he asked us a question. "Will you be my witness?" Immediately we understood why so many people choose to look the other way. Thoughts of retaliation and interruptions to our schedule made us pause before we gave the *ONLY* answer we could give - yes. To say no would be doing *nothing*.

That's when we began mulling over evil and Mr. Burke's famous quote. We all recognize the explosive evil that makes the news - a shooting at a Sikh Temple or a massacre at a movie theatre. We think there is another evil to consider - insidious evil. Evil that gradually grows and has a cumulative effect. This evil grows slowly and unnoticed because each event seems so innocuous. Not calling 911 when we see someone acting suspiciously around a neighbor's house. Not reporting properties with overgrown vegetation to 311. Ignoring the litter on the front street because someone else put it there. Not participating in the community whether by volunteering or shopping.

No one would consider any of those acts evil. "I didn't want to bother the police about something so trivial." "It takes so long for 311 to answer, and no one does anything." "It's not my garbage. I clean my yard; that's enough." "I don't have time to volunteer." "I don't shop on the Boulevard because I can never find a place to park." All simple explanation for why we don't or won't commit ourselves. It's easier to do nothing. But, if we do nothing, the small events grow into the evil that becomes a community of boarded businesses, derelict properties, unsafe streets and residents who hide behind locked doors at night praying that a stray bullet doesn't find them.

We have talked about our community being a family and how each one of our families makes up the big family of Brookline. Sometimes in a family you have to do a little more than what you may think is your share. It works the same way in a community. We want a safe, vibrant community so we will all have to do our part. Doing nothing is not an option.

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September 12 for October's Issue  
October 12 for November's Issue

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### JULY

<b>CRIMES ZONE 6</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Brookline</b>
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Arson</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Theft</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Theft from Vehicle</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Stolen Vehicle</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

## READERS' RESPONSE

"Since I am only 16, I only remember National City Bank and PNC Bank residing at 820 Brookline Boulevard, so as usual, I turned to my father for help. Brookline Savings and Trust Company, Western Pennsylvania National Bank, Equibank, Integra Bank, National City Bank, and PNC Bank have all resided at 820 Brookline Boulevard."

*-Joseph Samuel Rogers*

"After Brookline Bank I remember Equibank followed by Integra bank followed by National City and then PNC. There may have been one more but I can't remember it if there was."

*-Bob Daley*

[We are declaring *Joseph Samuel Rogers* our winner, and *Bob Daley* our runner-up. They will be receiving Brookline Bucks to begin their participation in the "Because You're Mine I Shop The Line" Program. ]

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## JOANNE'S CORNER



Although you will be reading this in September, I'm writing this in August with the thoughts of summer still on my mind. Has anyone seen lightning bugs lately? Remember catching those fireflies (alias lightning bugs) in jars with holes punched in the lids? They would be flashing

on and off for the rest of the evening, but come morning they would all be lying on the bottom of the jar. Those memories of summer days gone by are still vivid in my mind. Tell me yours.

*-Joanne Fantoni*

## SCARECROW COMPETITION

The **Brookline Chamber of Commerce** is introducing its first scarecrow competition for Brookline. All scarecrows will be displayed along Brookline Boulevard during the month of October.

We are looking for businesses, organizations, schools, churches, scout troops and individuals to get creative and show your talent. Winner will be voted on by the public. \$150.00 1st PRIZE. Entries and rules can be picked up at Cannon Coffee, A - Boss Opticians and Medicine Shoppe.





## BEAUTY AND FASHION GLAM

Back to school is here ...time for book bags, pencils and papers and also beauty products! Have your children and you been in the pool all summer or out in the sun? Well, if so, then you need to help repair your hair and strengthen that cuticle! After a HOT summer, you need to **BALANCE AND CONDITION YOUR HAIR AND SCALP**. Clarifying shampoos are a great way to get rid of chlorine buildup and salt water from the beach! So when you are out buying all those fashion items for back-to-school remember hair products for your children are just as important! **SMOOTHING OILS** control frizz and heat-protecting styling sprays will give your hair a layer of shine and gloss! Some fashion trends for back to school; dark wash jeans, hair scarves, and

wraps! Also, **RED LIPS**. For the color of your hair change it up a bit with auburn, strawberry blondes and caramel!

So be ready to **STEP OUT IN STYLE** this school year, but remember to be yourself! And for all you **MOMS AND DADS** out there; take some time for yourself now that the kids are back to school. Enjoy a day at the **SALON**; get your new fall look on!! So remember get your hair and scalp ready for the new season with a treatment and try some red lips. Even just a pinch of color goes a long way!

Enjoy your back-to-school moment in style!!!

Until next time ...live your dreams!

*Jacqueline Capatolla, Jacqueline's Salon*

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## THIS MONTH

### September 10 Monday

**Chamber of Commerce** 5:45PM at Carnegie Library 708 Brookline Blvd.

### September 11 Tuesday

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

### September 17 Monday

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

### September 21 Friday

**Fall Car Cruise** 5:30PM to Dark at Brookline Community Center

### September 24 Monday

**Brookline Area Community Council** 7:00PM doors open. Meeting starts at 7:30PM at **St. Mark's Church** corner of Brookline Blvd. & Glenarm Ave. Topic: Questions and Answers - bring your questions about the community and what's going on and we will get you answers.



## OPEN MIC SERIES

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



## Brookline Year-Round Farm Stand

**Seton Center**  
1900 Pioneer Ave  
Wednesday  
11:00AM - 6:00PM



## TRASH WALK

**SUNDAYS AT 2:00PM. MEET AT CANNON COFFEE. ONE HOUR TRASH WALK FOLLOWED BY COFFEE & CAMARADERIE. BRING GLOVES! CONSIDER JOINING OUR ADOPT-A-BLOCK PROGRAM.**

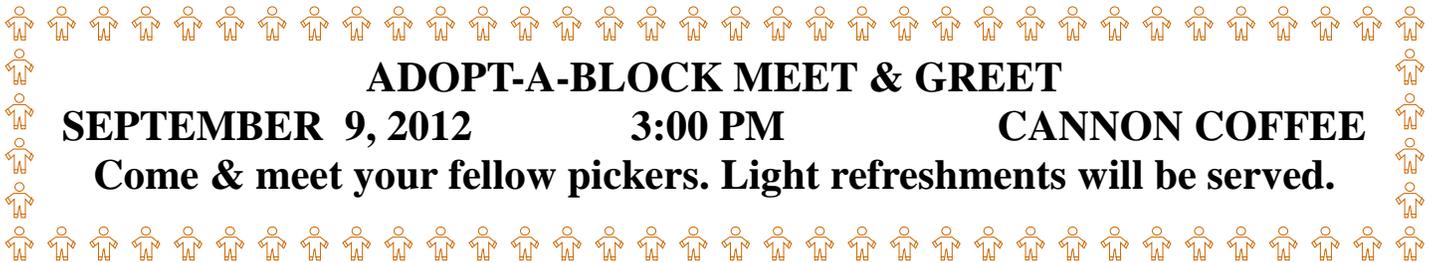
## REMEMBRANCE DAY 9/11



## Anne's Team and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Presents a POT LUCK and PASTA DINNER



**Church of the Advent** 3010 Pioneer Avenue  
Thursday, September 20, 2012 Doors open at 5:30 pm Buffet served 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
DINE IN OR TAKE OUT! Donation: \$10.00 adults/\$5.00 kids  
Yummy food, Chinese Auction, 50/50, Door Prizes and a lot of fun!



## ADOPT-A-BLOCK MEET & GREET

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2012**

**3:00 PM**

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## BROOKLINE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Brookline Blvd. project is expected to go out to bid this fall, and the first phase of the reconstruction is scheduled for early spring 2013 and finish in fall 2013. You can see the progress yourself by visiting the website [Pittsburghfederalprojects.com](http://Pittsburghfederalprojects.com)  
-Lois McCafferty



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-Photo by *Melissa Distel*



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**Let's Have a Rockin' Good Time!!**

Please join **Resurrection Church** for a dinner dance with *Johnny Angel & The Halos* for an evening of nostalgia, dancing, food and just plain old fellowship and fun!

**Saturday, October 20, 2012**

The Resurrection Church old school Gym 1000 Creedmoor Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15226  
**Tickets are \$45/person and can be purchased by contacting the Resurrection Church Rectory at 412-563-4400. Check or cash only. Rectory hours 9AM to 3PM. Arrangements can be made to pick up the tickets at another time, if needed. Doors open at 7PM**

BYOB and set ups will be provided.

**7:00PM to 8:30PM A buffet will be served Music and dancing till 11PM**

Spread the word! Let's make for a memorable event. Proceeds will benefit the much-needed repaving of the parking lot. Please see the bulletin, and [www.ressi.com](http://www.ressi.com) for updates and further information.

**Call for Volunteers**

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- **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
- **SENIOR VAN TRANSPORTATION** call 412-344-4222
- **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](http://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**

“One is not born into the world to do everything but to do something.” -*Henry David Thoreau, poet, writer, philosopher*



## BROOKLINE RECREATION CENTER

### Weight Room and Fitness Center

Our new FREE weight room and fitness center includes an assortment of weight-lifting and cardio workout equipment. Ages 16-up are welcome. 16-17 year olds must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Hours: Mon and Wed 10:15am-8:45pm; Tue, Thu, Fri 1:15pm-8:45pm; Sat 8:15am-3:45pm. Membership card and registration required.

### Pittsburgh Boxing Club

Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00pm. All participants must supply their own hand wraps and work-out clothing. This 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-up are welcome.



### Martial Arts

Learn the fundamentals of Tae Kwon Do with our trained instructor. Beginner and Intermediate classes for students age 8 and up. Beginner class: Mondays from 6:15pm-6:45pm; Intermediate class: 6:45pm-7:30pm; Advanced 7:30pm-8:45pm. Cost: \$15/year. For more information, visit [www.sejongtkd.org](http://www.sejongtkd.org).

### Weight Loss & Fitness Program

Come join our Weight Loss and Fitness Program. We meet weekly on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm for weigh-in and wellness discussions. After the meeting we share our favorite fitness tapes and do a workout.

### Basketball-Open Gym

Gym is available for public use from 1:15pm –8:45pm depending on Recreation Center program use.

### Soccer Signups

Signups for the fall Recreation Center indoor soccer league will begin after Labor Day. Boys/girls ages 4-5-6 for the five-on-five instructional program, and boys/girls ages 7-8-9 for the three-on-three program. Cost: \$20/player. Season begins in late-November and runs through the end of March. Sign up at the Recreation Center.

**Call the center for more information 412-571-3222.**



## THEY DID IT AGAIN!

The **2012 Rita's Italian Ice Girl's Pinto League** team completed their second undefeated championship season with a 22-0 record. Combined with 2011's 19-0 title season, this brings Rita's unbeaten streak to an incredible forty-one games. This is by far the longest winning streak in the 62-year history of the **Brookline Little League Association**.

**2012 - The players: Vanessa Hudson, Caitlyn Guerrero, Kiara Cerminara, Casey Evans, Allison Krapp, Kendal Kalanish, Cameryn Davis, Emma Ely, Kylee Cerminara, Farrah Love and Lynsee Werling. The coaches: Ralph Cerminara, Manager Dave Ely, Herb Davis and Greg Guerrero. - <http://www.brooklineconnection.com/history/LittleLg/2012/MayorsCup12.html>**



[We want to thank **Clint Burton** for allowing us to use his article.]



# SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

If you have never attended FontanaFest before, then what are you waiting for? Mark your calendars now and plan to join me on Saturday, September 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at South Side's Riverfront Park (bottom of 18<sup>th</sup> Street at the river) for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual event! Best of all, it's FREE!

I began this event shortly after my election as a way to celebrate our rivers and riverfront parks and to highlight all the things that children and families can do on and near the rivers, and in our region, as a family. Thanks to the Pittsburgh Water Limo, FontanaFest will include rides on our three rivers between the hours of 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. You can also visit with the PA Fish & Boat Commission and take a canoe out on the Monongahela. Pittsburgh River Rescue will be on hand for a dive demonstration and talk about river safety and you can discover other ways you can enjoy our rivers and trails with Riverlife and Friends of the Riverfront.

These are just a few highlights of the family-friendly event. More than 30 participating organizations in attendance will have an activity geared towards children as part of the day's festivities. Come out and see what these wonderful organizations in our community have to offer. You can get updates on the day's events and schedules by logging onto [www.fontanafest.com](http://www.fontanafest.com). I hope to see you there!

## TRASH DECOMPOSITION TEST

Do you know how long it takes for the following to decompose? The answers are on page 13.



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## BROOKLINE GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM WIN THE PITTSBURGH MAYOR'S CUP

On Friday, July 27, 2012, the **Brookline Little League Association** and many of its dedicated fans descended upon PNC Park for the annual [Pittsburgh Citiparks B.I.G. League](#) finals. The Brookline [12-Under](#) and [15-Under](#) Girls Slo-Pitch Softball teams were playing in their respective championship games, and both were facing strong contenders from Elliott. When the day was over, the girls from Brookline came away with two decisive victories, and each of our Brookline teams claimed a lasting spot on the coveted Mayor's Cup Championship trophy.

The 12-Under team, managed by **Tom Smith**, won their game 14-3. The 15-Under team, led by **Jim Kottler**, hammered their way to a 13-1 win. For both the Brookline and Elliott players, it was quite a thrill to play at PNC Park, the home of the Major League Pittsburgh Pirates.

The games were held in the left field area, with the bleachers close to the action and the giant PNC Park scoreboard looming overhead. The weather was bright and sunny, and the view of the city skyline was wonderful. It was a great day for the community of Brookline, and an experience the girls and their fans won't soon forget.

It's been seventeen years since Brookline last celebrated a Mayor's Cup championship. In 1995, the [Bob Hayes Photography](#) team, managed by Bob Healy, won the Boys Little League title at Three Rivers Stadium. Pittsburgh B.I.G. League Mayor's Cup competition, sponsored by Citiparks and the Pittsburgh Pirates, began in 1994. The actual Mayor's Cup trophy resides in the City-County Building, engraved with the names of the winning teams for the past nineteen years.

-Clint Burton

<http://www.brooklineconnection.com/history/LittleLg/2012/MayorsCup12.html>

[We want to thank Clint for allowing us to use this article.]

### 12 – UNDER



The members of the **2012 Brookline 12-Under Mayor's Cup Champions** are: Natalie Smith (#9), Tori Hudson (#13), Lindsey Maiorano (#4), Kaitlyn Falce (#6), Hayli Davis (#11), Tori McCrea (#13), Alex Kirsch (#14), Julia Vrabel (#12), Melina Bushmen (#7), Kaylee Russman (#8), Destiny Stella (#15), Joelynn Jones (#1), Mia Ely (#89), Zoe Malone (#27), Salena Jacquay (#2), Ava Barrett (#31), Mikaela Vogel (#22) and Gigi Varlotta (#5). The coaches are Tom Smith, Dave Ely, Sean Malone, Herb Davis and Bobby Sohngen.

-Photo provided by *Clint Burton*

### 15-UNDER



The members of the **2012 Brookline 15-Under Mayor's Cup Champions** are: Hailey Kottler (#7), Lexi Cirigliano (#40), Camri Vrabel (#23), Lisa Cirigliano (#18), Alexa Perrotti (#12), Amanda McHugh (#11), Katie Smith (#13), Kelsey Garrubba (#1), Carly Malize (#14), Alexis DeWaine (#8), Taylor Kottler (#22), Katie McGlynn (#58), Maria Abbonanza (#17) and Arena Xenakis (#3). The coaches are Jim Kottler, Jim "Bibbers" Smith, Kevin Kottler and Steve Perrotti.

-Photo by *Bob Hayes Photography*



### WE GOOFED!

Last month in our Letter from the Editor section we listed Brookline's outdoor dining spots, and we neglected to mention our own little piece of the Mediterranean - *It's Greek To Me*. They have wonderful skordalia and gyros!





## What's Going On At Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5?

If you listen closely, you will hear the sound of ice cream truck bells starting to fade away and school bells ringing. Our first day of school for the 1st through 5th grade students was Thursday, August 30. The children were excited to return to school, meet their teachers, and renew friendships with classmates. In the evening, we had our annual Welcome Back to School Event. Everyone enjoyed a delicious free snow cone. There was also a concession stand sponsored by our wonderful PTO, who provided our guests with additional treats. Our kindergarten students begin their school year on Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

We celebrated our school's 11th year anniversary. Additionally, our school honored the 11<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of September 11. On this day we had a ceremony for the entire school to acknowledge and recognize our hometown heroes, who have dedicated their lives to protecting us every day. Since we are talking about the new school year, if you would like to keep up with current events at **Pittsburgh West Liberty**, please join our PTO Facebook page, "West Liberty Parents." As we start our new school year and prepare for the fall activities, watch for future articles for upcoming events. If you have some free time and would like to help the children at West Liberty, we are in need of "recess monitors." Recess is Monday through Friday from 11:55AM to 1:25PM. There are two different periods; the first lunch period is students in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and the second lunch period is older students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. A five-day-a-week commitment isn't required. If you could only commit to one day a week, it would be greatly appreciated. We are flexible and understand when personal situations, such as doctor appointments, occur. If you are interested, keep in mind you will need criminal and child abuse clearances. Please call the school at 412-571-7420, and we will be glad to assist you in applying for your clearances and also in establishing a schedule.

**Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** motto is "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts." The teachers and staff at **Pittsburgh West Liberty** are also included in the motto as a community of continuous learners. We are continuing to implement many new instructional practices to reach distinguished levels to improve student performance and achievement while closing the achievement gap in a safe and nurturing atmosphere located in the heart of Pittsburgh's Brookline neighborhood. **Pittsburgh West Liberty's** doors are always open; so stop by and see us in action. Remember, **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** is the place "Where Learners Excel and Character Counts."

*Kathy Moran*, Principal

*Teresa Grusong-Adams*, First Grade Teacher

## STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES IT'S THE LAW!

Since school is back in session, we are reprinting part of an article we ran in our November 2011 issue. Make sure you are aware of the School Bus Stopping Law. Drivers convicted of violating the Pennsylvania School Bus Stopping Law face the following penalties:

- 60-Day Driver's License Suspension **AND**
- Five (5) points on your driving record **AND**
- \$250 Fine

Drivers take heed. You do not want to face those penalties.

- When you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- You **MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.
- You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
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# BREEZEFEST A SUCCESS

On an unseasonably chilly morning in early August with an ironically appropriate cool breeze blowing, several hundred 5k runners and fitness walkers milled about the **Brookline Memorial Recreation Center**, waiting for their cue to line up along Brookline Boulevard for the 31st annual **Brookline Breeze 5k Run and Fitness Walk**.

With only a slight delay due to a missing barricade at McNeilly Road, the **Brookline Breeze** began shortly after the presentation of the colors by the Keystone Young Marines and the national anthem sung by Brookline local **Kaitlyn Schmidt**. **Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak** fired the starting pistol and then hightailed it down to the finish line where she held the ribbon for the first-place male and female runners.

The first of the runners began trickling in after 15 minutes, received a raffle ticket and returned their chips (used to time the participants' runs). In a show of good sport and community, one could hear the finished runners cheering for each other and congratulating their friends as they crossed the finish line.

While participants ran and walked along the Boulevard and Pioneer Avenue from the Recreation Center to West Liberty Avenue and back, local vendors, politicians, organizations, artists and bands set up along the Boulevard from Queensboro Avenue to the **CVS** at the corner of Pioneer. Like at any good street fair, the food vendors turned out for the **BreezeFest** as well, which of course includes the ever-popular **Las Palmas** taco stand.

Although the sky remained overcast throughout the day, the sun poked out from behind the clouds here and there to warm the folks walking along the Boulevard. I took a stroll myself and saw a broad array of wonderful homemade crafts, including jewelry, afghans, purses, pillows and paintings. I came away from the street fair with a café mocha from **Cannon Coffee**, a set of silverware wind chimes from a family friend, and a tie-dye bear hand puppet from a new acquaintance—all for under \$20.

A special thanks should be extended to the **Salvation Army** for providing medical services and to both the **Pittsburgh Police** and the Dormont Police for keeping our runners safe by directing traffic and barricading the streets along the race course.

-*Mathew Meyer*



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When we said hello to little **Alyssa Fisher** she started to cry! It looks like **Natalia Rudiak** has the magic touch.

-Photo by **Amy Fisher**



## COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK

Spring cleaning may be far behind us, but year-round it is important. It is important to know how and when you can put refuse at the curb and what is accepted by the City.

Refuse is picked up curbside once a week, while recycling is picked up once every other week. If you have misplaced your schedule, call Environmental Services at 412-255-2773. Residents are allowed to leave two bulk items, such as furniture or non-Freon appliances, at the curb every week.

Other debris, such as grass and tree branches, or tires and Freon containing appliances, must be taken to one of the City's drop off locations. The drop off location for Pittsburgh's southern neighborhoods is at the 5th Division Public Works building next to Herschel Field in the West End. It's open from 8:00am until 2:00pm Monday through Friday, and can be reached at 412-937-3054.

Finally, the City collects a wide variety of items for curbside recycling, but it's good to know what they are before you put them in the blue bags. We have a single-stream recycling system, which means that it isn't necessary for you to pre-sort your recycling. The City accepts glass jars and bottles, aluminum cans, most types of paper and paperboard, cardboard (if it has been bundled), and plastic numbered 1 through 5 (the number is typically on the bottom of the package within a recycling symbol). In future years, we look forward to being able to process all plastics.

For every ton the City recycles, it saves taxpayers \$23 in landfill fees and generates \$45 in revenue. Last year alone, the City saved more than a quarter of a million dollars by recycling! In Pittsburgh's southern neighborhoods, we have some of the highest rates of recycling in the City. In most of our neighborhoods, more than 65% of households take advantage of the free curbside recycling offered by the City! We hope that participation increases every year.

Some electronics have chemicals that need to be properly recycled. For example, batteries, cell phones, and ink cartridges can be recycled at the City-County building, among other locations. For hazardous chemicals, the county hosts regular collections, including an all-day event at the South Park Wave Pool on September 15. Call 412-488-7452 for more details. If you have any questions about what to do with hard-to-recycle items, call the Pennsylvania Resource Council at 412-488-7490 x243.

If you have any questions about recycling and refuse pick-up, please don't hesitate to call my office at 412-255-2131 or visit the City's recycling website at [green.pittsburghpa.gov](http://green.pittsburghpa.gov).

## BECAUSE YOU'RE MINE I WALK THE LINE



**Mayor Ravenstahl** announcing the URA Biz Buzz Grant. Photo by *Amy Fisher*

The Brookline Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank all participants at the Breezefest and Breeze Race. Your commitment and support to the Brookline community makes it a special place in which to live and to do business.

Thanks go out to Breezefest committee: **Nate Mallory, Lois McCafferty, Linda Boss** and **Mary Jo O'Toole**.

The Boulevard came alive once more with friends meeting friends and neighbors meeting neighbors. There was lots of food, vendors and entertainment.

Winner in the Chamber \$100 Give-a-way was **Gary Stefaniak**. Winner of the iPod nano was **Fran Skindzier**.

The Chamber Booth featured information on the "BECAUSE YOU'RE MINE I SHOP THE LINE" promotion. The program is supported through a grant from URA's Biz Buzz program.

Pick at least 3 businesses in Brookline. Spend at least \$50.00 between them. Bring your receipts to **Cannon Coffee** or **A-Boss Opticians** to get your \$5.00 reward coupon that can be used at participating businesses.

The Chamber is gearing up to make you aware that by shopping local, of every \$100 you spend at a locally-owned business, \$45 goes back into the community and to the local tax base. Think twice before going to a large chain. What are they doing for your community?

-*Linda Boss*

**Mayor Ravenstahl** stopped at **Vinnie's Pretzel Shoppe** after announcing the URA Biz Buzz Grant.

- Photo by *Stephanie Miller*





# ADOPT A BLOCK

We have blocks available. Please call and add your name to the map. 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. You can find cheap grabbers. We were able to find grabber tools for \$2.00 at Harbor Freight stores. This tool allows you to pick up without bending over and reaching into bushes to grab debris. If you find a particularly appalling mess, contact us. We will try to find a way to get it cleaned up.

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](mailto: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

-Pamela Grabowski

## ADOPTED BLOCKS

**Bellaire Ave. bet. Whited & Edgebrook - Jennifer Grab**

**Gallion Ave. - Lisa Wilson & Pam Novak**

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

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

**Norwich Ave. - Michael & Pamela Grabowski**

**900 Woodbourne Ave. - Diane Walkowski & Mary Anne Miller**

7/18/12 - Mary Anne: Trash collected was half a tall kitchen bag - wrappers, cig butts, cans & plastic bottles.

7/30/12 - Mary Anne: Cleaned up 1 gallon bag of trash and 1 gallon bag of plastic water bottles.

8/7/12 - Diane: I wasn't going to bore you with my mundane trash pickup of a small bag & some recyclables, but I had to share my find... a one dollar bill! The economy must be improving!

**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**

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## EDGEBROOK AVENUE UPDATE

- July 18, 2012 - Edgebrook Ave, Brookline -350 lbs. mixed debris, 10 tires (4 on rim) to DPW Division 4. Job complete at this time. More work can be done in deep ravine in winter when veg [vegetation] declines. Please inform Missy Rosenfeld and Brookline community organization (she can do this) of job completion, and perhaps the stats.  
*Ruth Weinberger*
- July 23, 2012 - The final stats for that site [Edgebrook Avenue] (understanding that a second cleanup may be necessary in the fall/winter) are:  
12 visits (totaling approximately 60 hours of work)  
6.4 tons of debris removed (includes 50 lbs of metal and 202 tires)  
*Myrna Newman, Executive Director Allegheny CleanWays*
- July 23, 2012 - Myrna, Wow. Great work! I walked down and it looks like a different place. Did I ever mention about the time Myrna's predecessor Mary called and asked if I knew of any dump sites in Brookline? They were mapping city dump sites at the time; it must have been 5 or 6 years ago. I told her to use Google Earth, because you could actually see the dumping and garbage from the satellite photo. And this was before you could really zoom down.

Now it's been cleared which is amazing. Thank you!

I copied **Pam Grabowski** on this, she will put something in the Brookline Newsletter so the community is aware of the effort that went into this. I also copied Zone 6 **Commander Scott Schubert**. I know the police use Edgebrook as a short cut, and there are several police that live here. That way if they see new dumping they can give us a heads up.

*Keith Knecht, Vice President, South Pittsburgh Development Corp.*

# HAPPY NEW YEAR AT BRC!

As this issue goes to press, we are in the second week of the new school year. Last week's "Back to School Night" was a great success. All were invited to attend the Wednesday evening liturgy at St. Pius X Church. An information session followed as well as an opportunity to meet teachers, visit classrooms and talk to representatives from the PTG and the Brookline Regional Catholic Athletic Association. We are pleased and excited to welcome 45 new families to the BRC community. Many thanks to PTG Officer **Jennifer Milcarek** and her helpers for providing treat bags and planner/assignment books for students.

The fall soccer and volleyball seasons are underway. Students are meeting new friends and learning new things. Looking forward, school picture day is scheduled for September 26 and we are eagerly anticipating a production from the Windy City Players at the end of the month.

Thanks to all who helped kick off the school year, particularly BRC alumni **Ryan Milcarek** and **Sean Rieber** for their efforts in researching and installing the mobility system for the Smartboards –**Mrs. Majetic** is delighted!

Special thanks to those who were able to help with the Brookline Breeze during the week and on race day. There were over 800 runners/walkers. **BRC** is proud to help.

Watch for future articles highlighting our programs like ALEKS, the Math enrichment program **BRC** is piloting this fall. Feel free to stop and visit us to see our students in action and the great beginnings that will last a lifetime.

*-Janet Rakoczy, Principal*



## A CONVERSATION WITH LINDA

After **Linda Smith's** comment appeared in the July 2012 issue [*CHANNELING CROSBY STILLS NASH YOUNG*], she became a minor celebrity when the article was picked up by Boris Weinstein in his **Citizens Against Litter** Shadyside Newsletter, Volume 8, Number 8, August 1, 2012.

Linda sent this email as well as some photos updating her family's participation in Adopt-A-Block. "Good morning. I saw the article in the Brookline. I hope it helps to encourage other families. Our children, Sean and Lauren are really excited about their clean-up project. So much so that we typically clean 3-4 blocks of Berkshire Avenue so you can update our Adopt-A-Block "territory" to 900-1100 Berkshire Ave. I am happy to report that we only pick up approximately one small bag per week; however, some of our neighbors are noticing and openly thank our children for helping to keep our neighborhood clean."

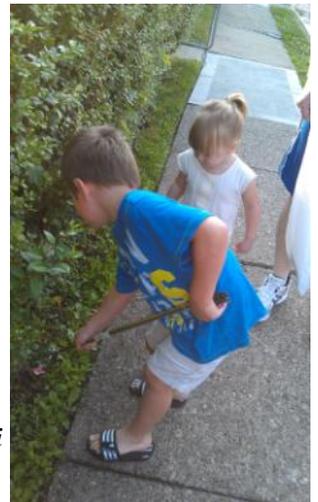
"I hope others see the opportunity that we have. It's a nice way to spend some time as a family taking a walk and teaching our children to keep our neighborhood clean. The kids love it!"

"Here are some pictures. They each have a set of 'grabbers' and Mom & Dad hold the bag. I will keep you posted on our bag counts."

Frankly, I am studying Sean's grabber technique. He seems to have an easier time than I do using one.

Isn't it a sad statement that children are picking up after adults who are supposed to be more responsible? Are you one of the responsible adults in our community?"

*-Pamela Grabowski*





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The warm summer months allow more outdoor work to be completed, and this year we've raised the bar by increasing the amount of streets paved and working with more community groups to clean up their blocks. So far this summer, we have paved almost 50 miles of City streets and expect to complete 60 miles by the end of this year. Also, 56 new handicap ramps have been installed, with an expected 104 to be completed by the year's end. DPW has also worked with Redd Up and Green Up groups to clean 43 lots, board up 102 abandoned buildings, clear 466 tons of debris, create 12 new community gardens and officially open the South Side Dog Park. If you haven't checked it out yet, visit the City's newest dog park at 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Riverfront Park.

The City's parks are fun, safe areas for families and children to socialize during the summer and after school. Safety repairs and improvements have recently been made to many of the City's 145 parks and playgrounds, including upgraded courts, lighting and overall appearance. Also, over the summer, 17 City pools have been available for families to enjoy, including the repaired and improved Moore Pool in Brookline.

All year round, the City works diligently to keep our neighborhoods safe and clean, providing the environment, resources and services that make Pittsburgh America's "Most Livable City." Please do your part to keep up the progress by working with neighbors and City representatives to combat blight, litter and crime, and help continue the transformation of our City.

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl  
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

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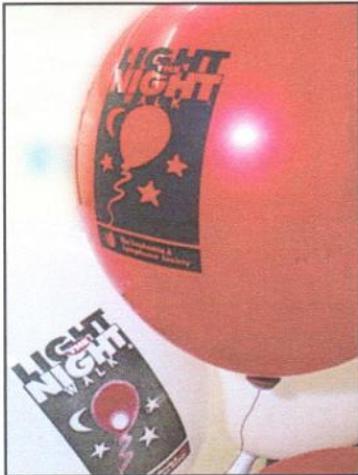
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