

## Behr Insurance Agency Inc.

by Dan Kaczmarski



Phil Behr, owner of Behr Insurance Agency Inc.

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When Phil Behr decided to enter the insurance industry five years ago, he did his research. He was surprised and impressed to learn that although Farmers Insurance was then operating in only 38 states, at the time it was the third largest insurance company in the country. "That told me their claims experience and their customer service must be really good," says Phil, owner of Behr Insurance Agency, Inc. at 801 Brookline Blvd.

He says Farmers appealed to him because of its dedication to its customers, its willingness to help in catastrophes around the country, and what he terms its exceptional product line and a business model that allows him to provide outstanding service to his clients and also provide for his employees' families and his own.

Phil says the Behr Insurance Agency is dedicated to educating its clients in what makes most sense for their family and business. Over the past 5 years, he's implemented this by having a personalized customer experience through scheduled personal touches throughout the year. "This allows us to educate and inform our clients so they are fully aware of their policy's features and what additional features and benefits are available to them," says Phil. "We thrive to provide outstanding customer service and competitive rates coupled with delivering what we consider Farmers' industry-leading insurance products."

Two and a half years ago, Phil moved his office to its current

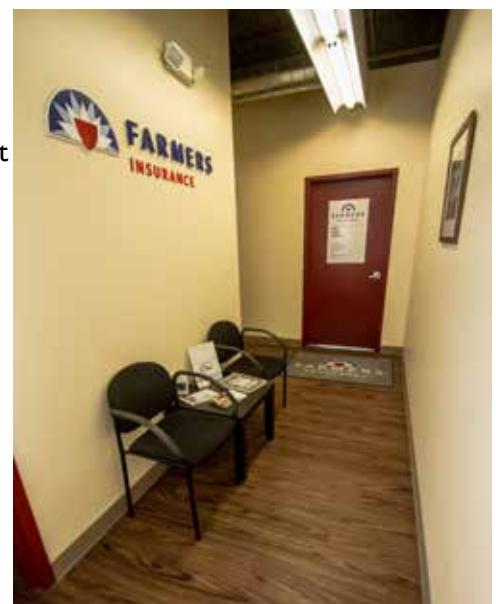
location on the Boulevard on the second floor of the building that also houses West Liberty Cycles. His professional vision emphasizes educating clients. "The important thing is consistent review of your policies to make sure you know and understand what coverage option that you have. I try to make it a rule to have at least four points of contact throughout the year. I'll reach out to review your policies and make sure we're not missing anything."

The Behr Insurance Agency, says Phil, offers "a wide range of products that will suit almost anyone's needs—auto, home, life, business, recreational products, classic cars." His agency also offers Pet Insurance, and even has the ability to help with Will Preparation and paid legal services.

He's found the most rewarding part of his career to be the opportunity to help people and determine with them whether there are gaps in their insurance protection. He describes himself as having a great attention to detail and enjoys reviewing people's policies to identify the best deals for the most protection that makes sense for them. He will conduct a review for you for free, and if you're a client, conduct them regularly.

Phil grew up two rivers and several bridges away on the North Side. The more he learns about his new home in the South Hills and Brookline, the more he's impressed. "It's an up-and-coming place. I like the neighborhood; I like the street; I like the people here."

He's become a hands-on supporter of the Brookline community--active in the Chamber



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of Commerce and the South Pittsburgh Development Corporation. Through his Agency, he's donated giveaways for the Brookline anti-litter artwork contest and he's arranged for two of the local schools to receive a monthly donation for tissues and Clorox wipes.

He and his wife became very involved in the Leukemia Lymphoma Society when their son was diagnosed with leukemia at 7 months of age. Happily, their son was able to have a bone marrow transplant and today, at age nine, is leukemia-free, healthy, strong, and full of energy.

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Meals-on-Wheels	412-531-2925
Dollar Energy/Columbia Gas Cap	412-344-4222

## Community Crimes Zone 6

July		
Zone 6 Crimes	Total	Brookline
Aggravated Assault	8	1
Robbery	7	3
Burglary	9	2
Theft	16	5
Theft from Vehicle	10	2
Stolen Vehicle	2	0

## SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### Monday, September 11

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

### Tuesday, September 12

Brookline Block Watch, 7 p.m. at Magistrate Jim Motznik's office, 736 Brookline Blvd. Narcotics and Vice Squad speakers, along with recovered addicts, will be at the meeting.

### Monday, September 18

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

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# 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Brookline Breeze!

Thanks to the efforts of coordinators, sponsors, volunteers, welcoming Brookliners, runners, walkers, strollers, and trotters (woof), this year's Brookline Breeze was a fun and memorable day. (Visit Facebook: Brookline Breeze for more photos and videos. Photos courtesy of JL Photography & Design; Facebook@Design JLPD)



Steve Kirkland, overall winner, breaks the tape in 16:42



Roberta Pickens Groner, top female finisher in 17:08, a new course record



# "What You Did for My Brothers, You Did for Me" (Mt.25:40)

## Face to Face with Casa San Jose

by Joseph Samuel Rogers



From our neighborhood to the larger national community, there is no doubt that our world is rapidly changing. The uncertainty about the future flooding the national political climate--especially with immigration policy--combined with the influx of Hispanic and Latino residents in Brookline and Beechview necessitated a program to address the needs of the immigrant

community.

Casa San Jose, an outreach of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, is an independent non-profit that was founded by Sister Janice Vanderneck, CSJ in 2013. The center is located in donated space from Saint Mark's Lutheran Church on Brookline Boulevard. Casa San Jose, or Saint Joseph's House, is a community resource center that advocates for and empowers Latinos by promoting integration and self-sufficiency. Sister Janice founded Casa San Jose and explained in the organization's newsletter that the goals of the center align closely with the mission of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, which is "to profess love for God and neighbor without distinction" and further emphasizes that "Jesus shows us that our neighbor is anyone we encounter who is in need."

According to Julian Asenjo, an Immigrant Services and Connections staff member, the vision of Casa San Jose is "to model a strong culture of acceptance and integration in which immigrants and other newcomers are treated with dignity, respect and kindness, and can freely preserve and celebrate their unique cultures while adapting to their new lives in the greater Pittsburgh area." Many of the clients at Casa San Jose attend Mass each Sunday at Saint Catherine of Siena Church in Beechview celebrated by Father Fernando Torres.

To fulfill its mission as a resource center, Casa San Jose provides social services to any and all underserved members of the Latino community in Allegheny County and connects them to health care clinics, immigration/legal appointments, know-your-rights workshops, housing, employment, and resources for summer camps.

"Working on a daily basis with our constituents provides an entirely new perspective on the needs and obstacles that these members of our community face" Asenjo said. Asenjo and his colleagues at Casa San Jose work around the clock to

properly educate their clients in order to build confidence and alleviate the fear associated with being an illegal immigrant or a loved one in these unpredictable times. The center also hosts special weekly programs including a youth group and women's discussion group.

As a non-profit, Casa San Jose relies on grants, donations, and volunteers to sufficiently address the needs of the immigrant population in the community. Donations can be made online by visiting the Sisters of Saint Joseph's website at <https://secure.stjoseph-baden.org>, or by check through the mail. Brookliners are most welcome to become involved as volunteers and are encouraged to visit the organization's website.

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# 59 Years and Thousands of Feet

by Dan Kaczmarski



Vince and Nancy Mazza

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The day Vince Mazza opened his shoe sales and repair business on Brookline Boulevard, Dwight Eisenhower was president and Bill Mazeroski wouldn't hit his legendary World Series home run until a year later.

Flash forward almost six decades from 1959 and Vince is still at his shop 6 days a week, with no plans of stopping. "I'm here because I don't want to be home doing nothing," he says. "At least here I do a little bit of something. It's a chance to talk to people. At home, I'd be looking at the four walls. That's crazy." "Where would we go?" adds his wife, Nancy.

Vince is 88, Nancy is 8 years younger, and they both look great. "That's from working hard and staying out of trouble," Vince says with a laugh. "I don't smoke or drink and neither does she. I think young and so does she."

Vince learned his craft at his father's shoe repair shop in downtown Pittsburgh, then worked in shoe shops on the South Side and at McCrory's downtown. Ironically, it was only after abandoning the shoe business that he became a Brookline institution. When he left McCrory's, he became a truck driver and one day stopped in to see Fred Garafola on the Boulevard, who asked whether he was interested in taking over Fred's shoe shop. The rest is history.

At the time, there were four shoe shops in Brookline, each doing well with its own clientele. "Most of my customers were from this end of the Boulevard," says Vince. "Down the other end, they didn't even know who we were."

His business got on its feet, so to speak, by selling shoes to mail carriers. "There was a shoe called the 'Forward Thrust,' with a different type of sole. They loved that shoe. The forward thrust meant you'd go forward all the time; you'd never go backwards."

In Vince's opinion, in addition to shopping malls, the most significant event in the Boulevard's history in the past half-century was the exit of the Foodland supermarket in 1982, when the food store moved from the location occupied today by Pitaland. Vince says the resulting drop-off in business on the Boulevard was significant and across the board. That year he cut the square footage of his shop in half and began renting the remainder.

When you pass Vince's shop, take a moment to appreciate a piece of Americana that could soon be extinct. Vince says there are currently only 11 shoemakers in the entire city and that in the next 2 to 3 years, every one is expected to be gone. He says many people aren't aware how much handicraft goes into, for example, replacing a pair of shoe heels, noting that "they go through our hands almost 16 times."

He dates the decline in shoe repair to the advent of athletic footwear and inexpensive shoes from overseas. "If you see people walking the street, you'll very seldom see people wearing traditional shoes. Tennis shoes are all they wear. The new shoes come out of China. They're not manufactured right. It's some kind of synthetic sole. People have them for three or four months, wear them out, and buy new ones. You can buy a pair of those for \$30, but like the old saying, you only get what you pay for."

Vince and Nancy look back fondly on their experience in the community. "We've been happy here," says Nancy. "Brookline has been good to us all these years, I can't complain," adds Vince. "Kids who were my customers when they were kids still come in as adults. The bodies change, but the faces don't."

Vince and Nancy celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year. Vince has served as president of the Brookline Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis, and St. Anthony Lodge No. 13. He mentions that when he joined the Army at age 17, he was made a firefighter at a Colorado military base. "It was either firefighter or baker," he laughs. Apparently, shoemaker was not one of the options.



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# 75 Years of Good Turns: Celebrating Boy Scout Troop 6

by Joseph Samuel Rogers



Bernard Warsnak, Life Scout, 1945

Photo courtesy of Troop 6

From putting flags on Brookline Boulevard during patriotic holidays to numerous Eagle Scout projects benefiting churches, senior centers, and the fire house, Boy Scout Troop 6 has been doing a good turn daily for the Brookline community for 75 years. While the Scoutmasters have changed and new classes of boys cycle through the program, the Troop's commitment to Brookline and the Church of the

Resurrection, its charter location, has not.

2017 is an extra special year for Troop 6 because it is their 75th anniversary since being established in 1942. To celebrate the achievements and contributions of past and present Boy Scouts, Eagle Scouts, Scoutmasters, and leaders, the Troop will be hosting a special reunion celebration in October that will bring generations of Boy Scouts and former leaders together for the first time.

Fred Metting has been Scoutmaster for two years, but is no stranger to Troop 6 or the scouting program, as he has been involved in the Troop since 2012 and the Boy Scouts since 1976. After longtime Scoutmaster Mr. Kevin O'Toole stepped down after a distinguished career and Fred's son Jerry crossed over from Cub Scout Pack 601, he felt that he was "in the right place at the right time."

Mr. Metting was inspired to host the 75th anniversary celebration of Troop 6 because of its rich history and tradition. "As Scoutmaster, it has been an honor and privilege to be associated with the troop. Perhaps someday I may be counted as part of a long line of dedicated men and women over the years who wanted nothing more than to teach the young men of Brookline and surrounding communities how to "be prepared" for most any situation." The Boy Scouts are taught to be good citizens and leaders, to provide service and always think of others before themselves, to live by the Scout Oath and Law, and to have fun doing it.

The anniversary celebration will take place at The McGinnis Conference Center at Camp Guyasuta in Sharpsburg on

Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 1-5 p.m. The venue holds up to 300 people. Current scouts and alumni are invited and Troop 6 leadership is trying to reach out to as many alumni, Eagle Scouts, and former Scoutmasters as possible.

While details about the event are not set in stone, The Brookline was given an exclusive sneak peek of this special event. The

agenda will consist of a short reception, an opening ceremony, benediction, flag retirement, dinner and fellowship, a speaker of some note, and an honor roll for Eagle Scouts and Scoutmasters. The Troop would also like to create a troop archive with the photos and information collected and is considering putting together a time capsule as well.

If you are an alumnus, Eagle Scout, or former Scoutmaster of Troop 6 and have not received information about this special event, please contact Mr. Fred Metting, Scoutmaster, at [troop6brookline75th@gmail.com](mailto:troop6brookline75th@gmail.com). We look forward to sharing memories from this event in the December issue of The Brookline.

*Editor's Note: Joseph Samuel Rogers is a 2014 Eagle Scout from Troop 6 in Brookline.*



Ed Choby, center, instructs Scouts in whittling in 1950s

Photo courtesy of Troop 6



Troop 6 at Camp Chicahominey in 1978; Scoutmaster Ed ("Big Ed") Chuderekwicz is at far right

Photo courtesy of Troop 6

## September Events on the Boulevard

### At Brookline Teen Outreach

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

### At 824:The Consignment Shop

LuLaRoe Pop-up Boutique. Sat. Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Amanda Osterberger returns with another LuLaRoe Pop-up Boutique featuring an amazing array of fun and comfortable fashions sizes XXS to XXL. Sip mimosas while shopping! Free event. 908 Brookline Blvd. 412-440-8245

Art Mosaic Workshop. Sat. Sept. 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. & Sunday, Oct. 1 from noon to 4 p.m. Mosaic Artist Susanne Vernon will teach this 2-day workshop wherein participants will create a 12" x 12" piece of art. It's sure to be an awesome class! Tickets are \$165 per person. Minimum number of sold tickets required to hold class. Interested? Book today! Refreshments provided.

## Adopt-A-Block

The numbers are growing! We salute those dedicated community volunteers who pick up litter that's selfishly left by others and encourage new Adopt-A-Block members. To add your name to the list, contact [pdkaz@comcast.net](mailto:pdkaz@comcast.net).

### Adopted Blocks

**Norwich & Boulevard:** Michael and Pamela Grabowski

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**Blvd. btw. Merrick & Starkamp:** Patty & Dan Kaczmarski

**700 Block Woodbourne:** Mary Zottoli

**900 Block Woodbourne:** Diane Walkowski & Mary Anne Miller

**Plainview from Jillson to Capital:** Jim Sheppard

**Lynbrook btw. Marloff & dead end:** Matt & Joey Pilewski

**Whited from Jacob to Gallupe:** Michael Pilewski

**Bellaire Ave. btw. Pioneer and Whited:** Denise Robinson

**Gallion:** Lisa Wilson

**1800-1900 Pioneer:** Dennis and Valerie Rew family

**Rossmore at Flatbush & Oletha btw. Flatbush and Glenarm:** Zachary and Sarah Zelazny

**900 Block Berkshire:** McGlothin Family

**Eben., bottom of Creedmoor, Shire Place:** Jill Lutz

**Loop of Waddington, Pioneer, Brookline Blvd. and Kenilworth:** Kim Sabol

## Brookline Teen Outreach News

by Caitlin McNulty

Have you noticed that the Boulevard has been looking a little cleaner lately? Thanks to some wonderful teen volunteers and the tireless help of Mike Burke, we are able to clean up litter from sidewalks and storefronts a few times a week. If you are interested in lending a hand, just show up at Brookline Teen Outreach at 10 a.m. on Saturdays. We have all the supplies you will need.

Thank you to everyone who came out for our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser! It was great to see so many members of our community and meet the Brookline Breeze runners. We hope to make this an annual tradition.

It's not too late to get your tickets for our 2nd Annual Night at the Races on Saturday, September 16. This year is going to be bigger and better than last year. We will have more prizes, an open bar and heavy appetizers provided in part by Waterfall Catering that will knock your socks off! An entire evening of fun for only \$20 in advance! Tickets will be available for purchase at the door for \$25. Doors open at 6 p.m. and races start at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase in advance online at: <https://btonightatraces.eventbrite.com> and at Brookline Teen Outreach and 824:The Consignment Shop.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Saturday, September 23. The Old World New World Heritage Festival will take place from 1-4 p.m. at Brookline Teen Outreach. This FREE cultural diversity event will include interviews from familiar Brookline residents, sidewalk and interactive art, trivia games, food, fun, and a positive message for people of all ages. This student-produced event is sure to inspire and entertain. Don't miss it!

Brookline Teen Outreach is now available for party and event rentals. We have two distinct spaces to suit all your needs. For more information, email [info@brooklineteenoutreach.org](mailto:info@brooklineteenoutreach.org) or call 412-254-4590.

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# How Brookline Came to Be

by Clint Burton

From the initial South Hills land grants in the 1780s, the area that comprises the Community of Brookline has been part of four distinct municipalities.

When Allegheny County was erected in 1788, the largest municipality was St. Clair Township, named in honor of General Arthur St. Clair. The northern border of the township ran along the Monongahela River, stretching from the mouths of Chartiers and Streets Run Creeks. The eastern and western boundary followed the course of these waterways 15 miles to the south.

St. Clair Township encompassed over 100 square miles. This made road maintenance and travel difficult. In 1805, Brookline's Nathaniel Plummer was elected one of the three township commissioners. The following year, residents voted to divide into two separate entities, Upper and Lower St. Clair.

Within the boundaries of Lower St. Clair Township were the present-day communities of West End, Mount Washington, South Side, Beechview, Brookline, Banksville, Beltzhoover, Mount Oliver, Bon Air, Knoxville, Allentown, Carrick, Overbrook and St. Clair Village.

In the 1830s, the main population centers were along the Monongahela River, where factory production and coal mining were booming in the areas of Temperanceville, South Pittsburgh, Birmingham and East Birmingham.

These heavily populated and industrialized areas soon left the township to form their own boroughs. Another large parcel of territory was ceded in 1844, when Baldwin Township was chartered.

To the south of Coal Hill, the rolling terrain of West Liberty and the other nearby communities along Saw Mill Run were all that remained of Lower St. Clair Township.

By 1860, this terrain was still a sparsely populated farming region. In the Brookline area, the largest of the farms were operated by John and Elizabeth Paul, Richard Knowlson and

Philip Fischer. These families lived off the land and sold their surplus crops at the markets in Pittsburgh.

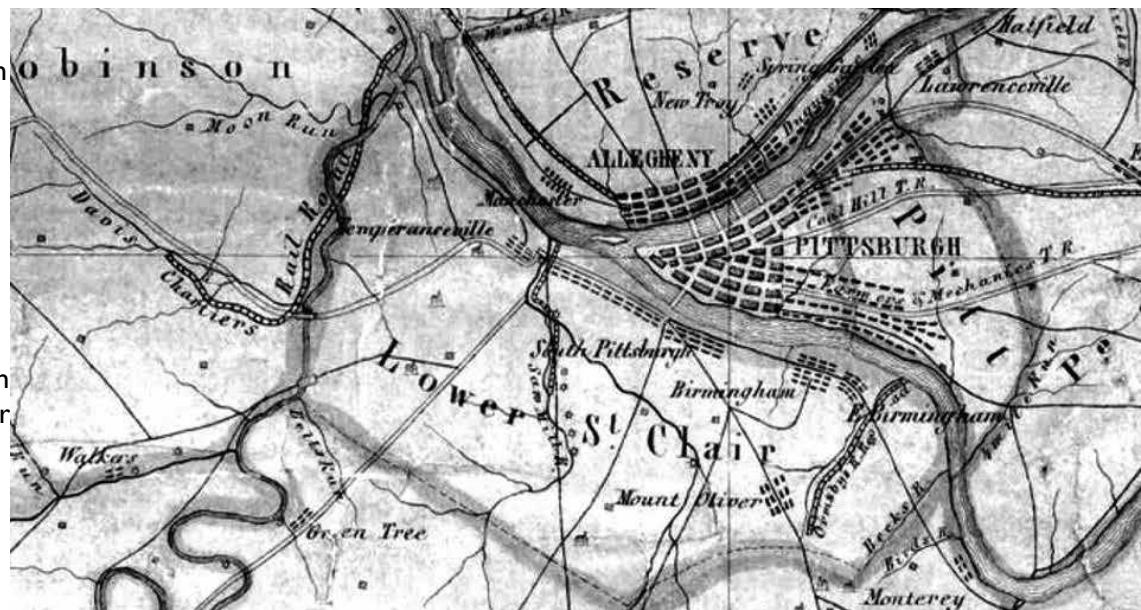
The coal mining industry moved into the South Hills in the mid-1860s, leading to the first real migration of workers and families. As the region's population and wealth increased, the emerging communities in Lower St. Clair began the process of forming separate municipalities.

West Liberty Borough was chartered on March 7, 1876. Bon Air, Allentown, Knoxville, Mount Oliver and Carrick soon followed, leaving St. Clair Village as the last vestige of Lower St. Clair Township.

The 1880 census lists the population of West Liberty Borough at 865, the majority of which lived along Saw Mill Run near the mining centers. Several homes and businesses were also located along West Liberty Avenue, which ran through the center of the borough.

At the turn of the century, the installation of streetcar service brought a large population surge to West Liberty. Land development firms began laying out the town of Brookline in 1905.

Although originally envisioned as a distinct municipality, Brookline was never incorporated. West Liberty Borough was annexed into the City of Pittsburgh on January 4, 1908. The new 19th Ward was then divided, along the line of West Liberty Avenue, into the neighborhoods of Beechview and Brookline.



Lower St. Clair and surroundings in the early 1800's

## Council Woman Natalia Rudiak



Working with the City to make sure what is built is up-to-code and that businesses have the correct information on file can be a challenge. And many times, questions can only be answered in person. In order to make these processes clearer and simpler, the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections (PLI) is hosting monthly forums! Each month, a different topic will be covered.

In July, residential decks and pools were discussed. In August, Assistant Director Mark Mariani presented on the City-funded demolition process. To make sure you are aware of future forums, sign up for the PLI newsletter online at [pittsburghpa.gov/pli/newsletter](http://pittsburghpa.gov/pli/newsletter). To view past presentations, check out the City Channel's YouTube page at <http://bit.ly/2vmwzxD>.

And of course, don't forget that PLI has new online tools to help you work with the City! Check out BuildingEye for building permits, enforcement activities, licensing, and planning. You can search by address to find out what is planned or under construction, or what inspections and violations have been reported! You can find this very helpful tool by visiting the PLI page of the City's website, or by going directly to [pittsburghpa.buildingeye.com/building](http://pittsburghpa.buildingeye.com/building).



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## Representative Dan Deasy



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This event is a great "one-stop-shop" for programs and services available to older residents or caregivers. Stop by and talk with vendors, visit the Pennsylvania Mobile Veterans Van or get a flu or pneumonia shot with a valid Medicare or insurance card.

In addition, I am partnering with the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office to again bring its Project D.U.M.P. (Disposal of Unused Medications Properly) deputy to collect unused or expired medications for proper disposal.

The opioid epidemic has plagued our region, and these narcotics are claiming the lives of young and old alike. By properly disposing of unused and expired narcotic prescription medications, you can keep potentially dangerous substances away from individuals susceptible to drug abuse. This year's Senior Health Expo is a perfect time to clean out your medicine cabinet and bring any unused or unwanted medications for safe disposal.

I look forward to seeing you at the event. In the meantime, if you have questions or need assistance in any state-related matter, please don't hesitate to call my office at 412-928-9514. You can also visit my website at [www.pahouse.com/deasy](http://www.pahouse.com/deasy) for a complete listing of upcoming events.

### Block Watch Speakers to Address Drugs

Speakers from the Narcotics and Vice Squad, along with recovered addicts, will be at the Tuesday, September 12 Brookline Block Watch meeting. The meeting will be at Magistrate Jim Motznik's office, 736 Brookline Blvd. and starts at 7 p.m.

### Free Meals for Kids

GrubUp Pittsburgh offers free afterschool 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.

## **Representative Dan Miller**



I am happy to announce that my office's 3rd Annual Senior Fair is taking place on Thursday, September 28 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Thanks to our hosts at the Pittsburgh Salvation Army, we have a new location at 1060 McNeilly Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15226. We are thrilled to be partnering with the Salvation Army, and hope that our new venue will make it a little bit easier for Brookline residents to take advantage of this great event!

We will again be offering our massive resource fair, and everything from flu shots to senior Port Authority passes will be available. Flu shot recipients should bring their Medicare card, and flu shots will be available as long as supplies last.

Whether you are looking for more information on disability services, health care, senior housing, financial planning, etc., there's sure to be something for everyone. Door prizes from local restaurants and businesses will also be available to enter in! Last but not least, we will again have complimentary Smiley Cookies thanks to our friends at Eat 'n Park.

All seniors in the district are invited to join us in keeping healthy, safe and informed! For more information, please contact my office at 412-343-3870.

## **Representative Harry Readshaw**



With Pennsylvania's more than 3,500 overdose-related deaths in 2015, our legislature, our health experts, and our communities need to continue to work together to fight this crisis. Winning this battle has become a priority of mine.

Earlier efforts to address our growing overdose crisis came when Pennsylvania Physician General Dr. Rachel Levine signed a standing order to allow the life-saving medication naloxone (also known as Narcan) to be purchased over the counter without a prescription. This drug can reverse overdoses for a short period to provide time to get a person to a hospital.

Last fall, Gov. Tom Wolf announced that the Department of Health provided 128 public high schools in the state with naloxone.

That is why I have supported legislation being introduced that would provide naloxone to all public schools in the commonwealth. We need to make sure we prevent needless deaths caused by the prevalence and proliferation of opioids, particularly among our most vulnerable residents.

If you or someone in your family is dealing with drug or alcohol addiction, you can download a brochure from Allegheny County listing local resources at: <http://bit.ly/AlleghenyIntervention>.

Additionally, if you or anyone you know is suffering from opioid addiction or knows someone who is, please call our office at 412-881-4208 so we can direct you to available resources for those who need help.

## **Senator Wayne Fontana**



I will be hosting my annual Flu/Pneumonia Shot & Senior Clinic on Thursday, September 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Quinn Hall at the Church of the Resurrection, located at 1100 Creedmoor Avenue. American HealthCare Group will be providing free vaccinations to any senior with the Medicare Part B health insurance card. Make sure to bring your card with you. Light refreshments will be served.

I am also pleased that several organizations from around the region will be present to provide seniors with important information on available services and resources. Organizations scheduled to participate include: ACCESS; Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Area Agency on Aging; Allegheny County Bar Association; Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh; Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy; OASIS; the Office of the Consumer Advocate; and more.

Please take this opportunity to stay healthy and receive your flu and/or pneumonia shot as we head into the fall and winter months and visit with the many terrific participating organizations. I hope to see you there!

## Brookliner Turns 100



Winifred Kanzler, a Brookline resident since 1940, celebrates her 100th birthday this September 17. Winnie was born on the South Side of Pittsburgh to Irish immigrant parents. She had two sisters and a brother. She worked as a nanny in her younger years and also as a waitress. Her secret to longevity is plenty of walking, which she did until the age

of 98 when she suffered a broken hip. She is known to Brookline merchants as their last customer of the day. Winnie would catch the 39 Brookline trolley to town just to have lunch at Kaufmann's and to shop at Gimbel's.

She misses Boulevard stores such as the original Brookline News ("Newsies"), Demma's and Melman's markets, Bryant's and Nolan's hardware, Blue Bonnet and Harold's bakeries, and of course the old movie house.

Winnie has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She has had a long, healthy life enjoying simple things like playing bingo and relaxing on her front porch.

*Do you want to feature in The Brookline Newsletter a Brookline relative or friend who has or will be turning 100? Contact [pdkaz@comcast.net](mailto:pdkaz@comcast.net) or 412-531-1252.*

## Heritage Players Theater News

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

The Heritage Players will perform Neil Simon's delightful comedy, *Lost in Yonkers*, on September 8-10 and 15-17 at the Seton Center. Tickets are \$12 per person. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Mark your calendar! The Heritage Players will perform the musical, *Into the Woods*, November 3-5 and 10-12! More details in the October issue!

For more information, email [heritageplayers@yahoo.com](mailto:heritageplayers@yahoo.com) or phone 412-254-4633.

## Brookline Memorial Recreation Center

### Kinderclub

Ages 5 and under with adult. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon. Ongoing starting Sept. 13. Just drop in. Free

### Kickball League

Ages 10-15. Fridays, 5 to 6 p.m. Sept. 13 –Oct. 18. \$5

### Nature Explorers

Ages 3-6. Thursdays, 5-6 p.m., Sept. 14-Oct. 5. \$10

### Brookline Co-Ed Intramural Basketball League

Ages 9-12 and 13-16. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. for 9-12 year-olds, 7-8 p.m. for 13-16 year olds. \$20

### Fall Fishing

Ages 10-15. Saturdays, Sept. 16, 23, 30, and Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free

### Book Club

Ages 18+. Mondays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Sept. 18-Nov. 6. Free (must purchase book)

### Fall and Winter Hours

Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call 412-571-3222.

## Fundraisers

Is your Brookline community church, school, or other non-profit holding a fundraiser? We'd like to list it in The Brookline. To have your event listed, contact [pdkaz@comcast.net](mailto:pdkaz@comcast.net). Please include "Fundraiser" in the subject line.

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

Night at the Races. Brookline Teen Outreach, 520 Brookline Blvd. Saturday, Sept. 16. Doors open 6 p.m., races start at 7 p.m. Horse races, raffle, entertainment, food, drinks. Ages 21+. \$20.

# Call for Volunteers

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- BROOKLINE CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY. at Tree of Life Open Bible Church at 412-531-0590
- BEGIN AGAIN CLOTHING MINISTRY. To donate gently used or new clothing, call Tree of Life Open Bible Church at 412-531-0590.
- DOGIPOT MAINTENANCE. Call Lisa at 412-304-3086.
- FOREVER HOME BEAGLE RESCUE. Call 412-304-4034 or BeagleHQ@msn.com. 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.

## Old Notes By Old People

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by Chip Gorski

I was talking with a colleague the other day. He told me that his son never had an after-school job while growing up. I thought that was slightly odd. "Where does he get money to pay for gas or go out with friends?" I asked. My colleague explained that his parents send his son money for birthdays and holidays. The son just stretches it to make it last. Frugal? Maybe. It must be a lot of money because I don't know how far I would be able to stretch the \$5 we got for each holiday or birthday.

We never had an allowance. We had chores. My job was to take out the garbage, clean that cat litter, and when we had one, clean up after the dog. In addition to that, I knew that I was to cut grass and shovel snow. These chores were changed up when my brother got older. My sisters had dish duty and house cleaning chores. On occasion, we would be told in advance, "Don't make plans for Saturday because we are going to...." Our plans may have included wall building, fence painting, or other major projects. It was an unspoken rule that our bedrooms were to be kept clean.

Not being provided an allowance didn't mean we weren't afforded the luxury of money for roller skating, movies, or other activities. But we also knew that if we wanted more than that, it was our responsibility to go out and earn it. So, in addition to our chores, like most teenagers, we all got part-time jobs after school.

My oldest sister worked downtown at a fast food restaurant. My other sister worked a clothing store on Brookline Boulevard call "The Better Half." It was rare for her to bring

home a paycheck because she used most of her earnings to settle up with the store owner for the clothes she set aside until payday. I worked at a Blue Bonnet Bakery.

The bakery was a good after-school job. I worked from three in the afternoon until six at night two days during the week and all day Saturday. It was my job to clean the kitchen, take out the trash, scrub the pots and pans, and replenish the supplies. I can still remember my pay for the 14 hours of weekly work. After taxes, it amounted to \$33.13 a week. After work, I would walk next door to the pharmacy to cash my check. By Monday morning I would be broke.

I can still remember the smell of that bakery. The weight of the flour sacks on my back as I carried them up the steps. But most of all, I remember the lessons learned in being on time, working hard, and adopting a budget. I am sure many people who work after school now will learn those same traits for application later in life.

## Do You Want to Receive the Brookline Online?

We at South Pittsburgh Development Corporation have been working hard to make important updates about Brookline easier for users to access online. If you'd like to have these updates emailed directly to your inbox, as well as the monthly issue of The Brookline Newsletter free of charge, just go to <http://bit.do/brookline> and request to be added to our update list. We'll continue to distribute the usual number of printed Newsletters each month.



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## What's Happening at Brookline PreK-8

by Amy Cornelius Dembosky, Parent Volunteer

The school year has gotten off to a great start at Pittsburgh Brookline PreK-8! Thank you to all of our families for their efforts to get students to school promptly and prepared.

We would like to welcome the new staff members who have become part of our Brookline family: Doreen Beyers, fourth and fifth grade English/Language Arts teacher; Kristen Cinker, school nurse practitioner; Sibylla Cress, Literacy and Academic Coach; Mary Ellen Frank, librarian; and Amy Jones, secretary. We know that they will enjoy our school and our wonderful students.

Checking our Facebook page is a great way to get information about our school. Ask questions, read about upcoming events, and follow our sports teams! You'll find the page at <https://www.facebook.com/PghBrooklinePrek8/>.

Are you looking for ways to become more involved in your child's education? One way to play a role in our school is to attend Parent-School-Community Council meetings. These sound fancy and formal, but they're not, and everyone is welcome to attend! Every meeting has a specific focus, and there is always time to ask your own questions, too. PSCC is a great way to give input to our school's staff and administration, especially to our principal, John Vater. Our first PSCC meeting of the year will be held September 14 at 5:30 p.m. We will review this year's Title I plan and budget.

Another way to get involved at school is by attending Parent Teacher Association meetings. They are held monthly, too. At the time of printing, the September meeting date was undetermined. Watch Facebook and notices coming home, or reach out to them at [ptabrookline@gmail.com](mailto:ptabrookline@gmail.com).



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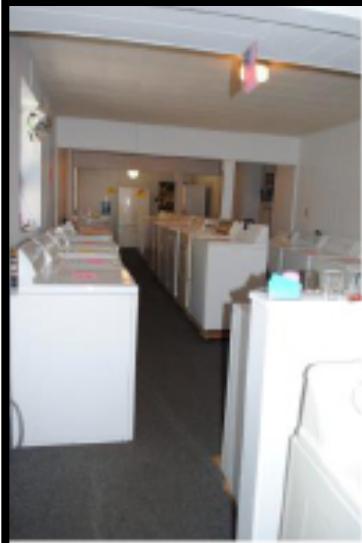
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