



REGENT SQUARE CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWS LETTER

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CONVENIENCE STORE TO OPEN IN REGENT PHARMACY BUILDING

Chuck Gray, owner of the Regent Pharmacy building, has leased it to two businessmen who will open a non-franchise convenience store there. Of several offers he selected the one that best responded to neighborhood opinions as to what was most needed there.

The store will sell lottery tickets, newspapers, magazines, and hot coffee, as well as food and other convenience items. It will be open 6 am to 11 pm.

The grand opening, scheduled for Sept 1, will feature a variety of bargains, including free coffee to all for the first two weeks.

The managing owner, Bashir Akther, and his partner Saif Mufti, grew up together in Pakistan. They spent several years in New York before moving to Swissvale. For the past nine months they have owned and operated the Swissvale Dairy Mart.

Mr. Akther aims to offer the neighborhood good service and bargain prices (reflecting the savings he realizes by paying no franchise fees). So stop by, have a cup of coffee, introduce yourself, and tell him what you would like to see in his store.

10th ANNUAL RUN-AROUND-THE-SQUARE SATURDAY AUGUST 29

Saturday August 29 Regent Square will host the 10th Annual Run-Around-the-Square. The 2-mile Fun Run/Walk begins at 8:15 am and the 5 Mile Run starts at 9. Be sure to enjoy the fun--as a runner, spectator, or volunteer--and help make the race a success.

Don't forget there will be special prizes for the fastest male and female Regent Square residents, and for the most enthusiastic cheering group. (Last year's champagne brunch on Lancaster will be hard to top ... unless there is one on every block!) The first three male and first three female Regent Square students will also receive awards. ALL volunteers--much needed and much appreciated--will receive a free T-shirt. Call Dunning McNair's Ale House (243-3900) to volunteer.

REMINDER: Regent Square between Milton Avenue and Frick Park will be CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC from 8-10 am on race day. Residents are asked to park their cars off the race course during those hours. (Plan ahead if you'll be away or sleeping in.)

The inserts give more details.

BLOCTOBERFEST SATURDAY OCT 3

Frick Park at Richmond and Sanders. Mark your calendars for food, fun, games, and a few surprises. If you can help out, call Carol Steen at 731-8063.

ACCIDENTS UNDERSCORE NEED FOR BRADDOCK AVE TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

Around dusk Saturday, July 21st, a 16 year-old pedestrian was hit by a car while crossing the entrance ramp of the Parkway near Foodland. The young lady was lucky to escape serious injury. This is the 4th pedestrian accident in that immediate area, one resulting in the death of a jogger by a drunk driver. This and other accidents during the past two months further emphasize the need for several improvements to Braddock Avenue:

- Traffic signal and crosswalk for the Foodland-Allenby-Parkway ramp intersection
- Traffic signal at Henrietta
- Altering the Hutchinson St. signal so that "Walk" phase precedes the green phase for Hutchinson, so pedestrians are less tempted to walk in front of cars turning onto Braddock.
- Allowing right turn on red from Forbes to Braddock

Swissvale is considering placing a stop sign by the Foodland.

SWISSVALE, EDGEWOOD, OXFORD DISCUSS TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Edgewood and Swissvale councils have met informally to discuss signs and lane striping on Braddock Avenue. The meeting marks the first time the two boroughs have met to discuss their mutual problems arising from Edgewood Towne Centre and the traffic it generates.

In addition, a federal judge has given Swissvale and Oxford officials 30 days to resolve their differences. The order was given after Oxford sued Swissvale for ticketing trucks going to ETC that exceeded the weight limit for Braddock Avenue.

(Newsletter written by Ed Wells, Barb Danko, and Eric and Diana Vincent.)

CRIME IN FERN HOLLOW

Around 5:30 pm Thursday July 23 a 75 year-old man was reading a newspaper at a picnic table in Fern Hollow. He was attacked by three youths (about 10, 12, and 15). They hit him with a baseball bat, breaking his arm and leg, and stole his wallet, car keys, and car. The car was later recovered.

The Pittsburgh Crime Stoppers Unit is actively pursuing this case and it was featured on local TV. If you have any information call Crime Stoppers at 255-8477.

Officer Sandy Verbish, Pittsburgh's Zone 6 Crime Prevention officer, also noted several bike thefts in the park. She urges people not to bike alone and to report any problems immediately to 911.

If you want to form a block watch, check a rumor, or ask a question, call Officer Verbish at 422-6559.

RICHMOND STREET BLOCK WATCH TESTED AGAIN

Last winter Richmond Street residents suffered several burglaries and break-ins. Pittsburgh police arrested a suspect and the break-ins ceased.

Now someone else has targeted Richmond Street, and there has been a rash of burglaries in the past month. The 1100 block was hit twice during the last week of July. On the 1200 block a third unsuccessful attempt was made to steal the same car.

Richmond Street residents, contact Kirk Warner to find out more about your block watch activities.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (cont.)

Edgewood Energy Inc.
Quality Services, Inc.
Douglas Oil and Gas
Village Enterprises
Smaller Manufacturers Council of Pa

REGENT SQUARE RESIDENTS OPPOSE
MON-FAYETTE TURNPIKE

Over 70 residents of Regent Square and Swisshelm Park heard Turnpike Commission representatives answer neighborhood questions about the Mon-Fayette Turnpike on June 23. At the end, a show of hands showed 45 opposed to the project and 2 in favor, with 12 undecided.

If built the turnpike will take six homes in Swissvale and possibly 39 homes and 4 apartments in Swissvale, depending on which alignment is chosen. All are along the southern edge of the Parkway.

Audience questions were politely skeptical of the speakers responses, particularly regarding environmental impacts and economic benefits.

RSCA will participate actively in an inter-neighborhood coalition to oppose the turnpike. In addition we will circulate petitions on each block this fall. Finally, RSCA will keep in touch with the Turnpike Commission as they refine their designs and compile the environmental impact statement (due in late 1993).

SURVEY FAVORS VARIETY STORE

The last newsletter asked what you thought should go into the Regent Pharmacy store. The most frequent suggestions were:

1. Variety or convenience store (12)
2. Grocery or produce store (8)
3. Coffee shop (4)
4. Newspaper/magazine shop (4)

Other suggestions included restaurant, card shop, dress shop, shoe store, hardware store, vet, pet shop, and medical clinic. Several people noted the need for early morning and evening hours.

Jim Carroll and Swissvale Solicitor Robert McTiernan are reviewing the report on the possibility of anti-trust action against Giant Eagle.

EYES ON EYES ON REGENT SQUARE

If you are having trouble with your glasses, or if you just want to treat your eyes to the sight of something new, stop in at **Eyes on Regent Square**. Dr. Maureen Weldon offers full fitting services for glasses and contact lenses, plus a variety of eyeglass frames at reasonable prices.

Raised in Monongahela City, Washington County, Weldon has graduated from Carlow College (Nursing) and the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Philadelphia. After four years as an optometrist, she has opened her own business. She chose Regent Square because she saw a need for the service here and because she found the people and the neighborhood so pleasant.

CLIPPS GETS TOTAL MAKEOVER

Congratulations to Clipps, which recently opened its new store (formerly Klauss's) five doors up from its original location. Owner Dorothy Floro has completely remodelled the interior, and equipped the basement to provide tanning, massage, and facial services.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATION HAS 22 MEMBERS

After only six months the business association has 22 members. Support these businesses that support our neighborhood:

Dunning McNair's	Clipps
LaManti's Pizza	Hepatica
Stonebraker's Jewelers	
Integra Bank	Mario's Pizza
Waldorf's Bakery	Trophy Shoppe
Jerome Wolk Jr Furs	
Murphy's Tap Room	
Styles by Cardamone	
Regent Square Laundromat	
Jeffco Construction Co.	
Regent Square Chiropractics Inc.	
Styles by Cardamone	
Norbert O. Gannon, DDS	(See p. 2)

WAVERLY AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM
STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

Waverly Presbyterian Church will start an after-school program for elementary school children next September. The program will be non-denominational and will provide a healthy and secure setting for latchkey children from 2-6 pm. It will offer a snack, quiet study time as needed, independent play time, and supervised group activities.

A neighborhood survey has shown a need for neighborhood after-school care. For more information call the church office at 242-0643.

WILKINSBURG REGENT SQUARE
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BEGINS FOURTH YEAR

Congratulations to Beth Walkney, recently elected president of WRSNA. She takes over from Jean Scardamalia, founder and president for the first three years. The Association has sponsored holiday decorations, annual spring cleanups, and a tree planting program. They have also been active in civic and school affairs.

The association meets the second Thursday of every month, September through June. For more information call Jean Scardamalia at 731-6528.

REGENT SQUARE STOMPERS
SET PRACTICE "RUNS"

Two mile practice runs are scheduled for 7 pm August 17, 21, 24, and 27 (those are Mondays and Thursdays). These practice runs are intended to get everyone in peak shape for the August 29 Fun Run/Walk. The runs will begin on Hutchinson between Lancaster and Richmond and follow the two-mile race course. For safety's sake keep a lookout on these days as many of our youngest residents will participate. For more info call Bobby or Leslie Kennedy at 242-8701.

WILKINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER
OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 13

The remodelling is nearly done. Little People's Educational Workshop has moved in to take Shady Lane's place. Fall classes will start soon. To celebrate it all, WSCC is throwing an open house from 6-8 pm Sunday Sept 13. The neighborhood is invited to see the new building interior, sit in on demonstration classes by the fall instructors, meet the Workshop staff, and enjoy refreshments.

The Workshop offers day care for children 18 months to 5 years old. Classes will start Sept 1. There are still some vacancies in the classes.

EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY DAY AUGUST 15

Edgewood will hold its Community Day at Koenig Field Saturday August 15. Activities begin with a 5K race and a parade in the AM. The afternoon will feature live entertainment, food booths, crafts, and kids' games, ending with fireworks after dark.

EDGEWOOD BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

The azaleas and manicured grass at the Parkway ramps are part of Edgewood's beautification program. The flowers were purchased by the Swissvale Rotary from Edgewood Foundation and planted by volunteers. They are maintained by the borough. In addition, the Race Street tunnel has been cleaned, and flowers and trees have been planted elsewhere in the borough.

RSCA BOARD RESIGNATIONS

Gary Brassert and Hal Sanders have resigned from the Civic Association Board. Gary has moved away and Hal is starting a new business. We will miss their contributions, and wish them well in their new ventures.