

# REGENT SQUARE CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The voice of the Regent Square Civic Association, serving Regent Square's diverse residential and business community.

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## Join us next month for:

- Event planning
- Regular committee updates

All at the RSCA Board Meeting, 7:00 PM Monday, 2-Aug-2004 at the Wilkins School Community Center located at the corner of Milton and Charleston Avenues.

## Meeting Minutes

*June RSCA Meeting Quick Recap*  
Monday, 7-Jun2004 - Post Yard Sale summary, upcoming Run Around the Square discussion, new chairperson discussion.

## Run Around The Square

*August 23<sup>rd</sup> -mark your calendars!*

Summertime in Regent Square can only mean one thing...that it is time for the annual Run Around the Square! This year's race is Saturday, 28-Aug-2004. Hundreds of volunteers and the faithful race committee have kept this race going for 22 years now!

It is not too late to join in the fun, either as a runner, walker, volunteer, or spectator! Read on to find out all the ways you can become involved. As usual, the 1.5 Mile Fun Run/Walk will begin at 8:15 AM near 926 Milton Street. The dog walk will start approximately 3 minutes later. The 1.5 Mile Fun Run/Walk follows the same route as last year. Look for a detailed map in the August Newsletter or on the web sites that provide race information ([www.regent-square.org](http://www.regent-square.org) or [www.regentsquare.com](http://www.regentsquare.com)).

The 1.5 Mile course starts on Milton, continues on Trevanion, turns onto Richmond, turns right on Hutchinson for one block, then makes a right onto Lancaster. It con-

tinues on two blocks and turns left onto Charleston, then left onto LaClair, and right onto Overton to the finish line on Gamma Way.

The 5K (3.1 mile) Run/Walk will begin at 9:00 AM. near the balloon arch at 911/908 Milton Street. As the construction in Fern Hollow for Nine Mile Run has increased, the changes that were made to the 5K finish line area two years ago are still in effect. The 5K course will go all the way down Milton to Trevanion and make a right. The runners will make the right onto Lancaster. The rest of the course is the same as last year, including the finish.

The finish line is at the end of Falls Ravine Trail just at the end of the trail (the exact spot is the fire hydrant that marks the end of the trail.) Runners will then make a left (*Continued on page 3.*)

## Braddock Avenue Report

*Efforts To Improve Corridor Are Continuing*

*Committee Chair Terri L. Rosen writes to report on charter and activities.*

The overall goal of the Braddock Avenue Improvement Committee is to fully implement the Vollmer Study recommendations and we are working diligently toward that end. We have applied for a grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development. If we are awarded the grant, possible uses for the money include taking a core sampling of the road surface along South Braddock Avenue and obtaining a detailed budget estimate to implement the recommendations from the Vollmer study. [*This professional study was commissioned by the RSCA in 2003 and available from the RSCA.*] (*Continued on page 5.*)

## RSCA Refines Mission

*Committee Worked Hard This Year To Update Publication*

One of the "missions" of the RSCA Board's January strategy retreat was to take the time to review the organization's goals and ensure that we could clearly state who the organization serves, what activities we create and support, and for what purpose. With these three key ideas in mind, the board brainstormed — thinking back over the RSCA's long and successful history and looking ahead toward what we might accomplish for our community in the future. With these in mind, the RSCA Board recently approved the following as the Regent Square Civic Association mission statement: (*Continued on page 4.*)

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# Flea Market Was Jumping

## *Wilkins School Community Center Board Can't Thank Everyone Enough For Tremendous Participation!*

The Wilkins School Community Center would like to thank the following people for their tremendous assistance with the used book sale and flea market that occurred on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>: Harry Alter, Barbra Beisel, Ellen Berger, Steve Dilley, Linda Duper, Larry Fingeret, Glennen Greer, Sam and Gaye Haver, Sue Kalson, Marge Mimless, Barbara Shaw & the Lindy Hop Class. These great volunteers set up the items for sale.

A huge thank you is also extended to all those who donated books and flea-market treasures to the Center to sell. In addition, the sale would not have been so successful without those who came to make the purchase of the goods that were offered.

The Center made approximate \$900.00, which has been earmarked for the playground renovation fund. Thanks ever so much! Together, participants are insuring the Center's ability to continue to provide classes, make renovations and be a meeting place in the community.

If you wish to volunteer for an event, teach a class or become a Board Member of the Center, we would love to have you. Reminder: You can always contact the Center by calling 412-244-8458, visiting their web page at [www.wscppgh.org](http://www.wscppgh.org), or emailing the Center at [wscppgh@yahoo.com](mailto:wscppgh@yahoo.com). ■

# Your Neighborhood DJ

## *Neighbor Ken Batista Up Early Every Sunday On WYEP.*

"An American Sampler," broadcast every Sunday morning between 7-11 AM from the studios of WYEP 91.3 FM in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is hosted by Regent Square resident Ken Batista. It is the only program in the tri-state area dedicated to traditional and contemporary Folk music & acoustic blues, serving southwestern PA and parts of Ohio, West Virginia, and Maryland.

He began producing and hosting his current show, "An American Sampler," in 1994 to further develop a strong Folk presence on Pittsburgh airwaves. A person of many talents, Dr. Batista is a tenured member of the faculty at the University of Pittsburgh Studio Arts Department and served as Department Chair from 1986 through 1993. An award-winning painter, Ken has exhibited his paintings nationally and is currently represented by galleries in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Barcelona, Spain. His proudest accomplishment, however, is being a father. Gabriel Tait Batista was born 17-Dec-2000 to Ken and his wife, Tica Hall.

Gabriel has made his Regent Square media debut in several photos of Regent Square events on the RSCA web page. While he has attended the Yard Sale, he particularly enjoys RSCA events with candy such as the Easter Egg hunt and Halloween Parade.

Find out more about this great program by a local resident on the WYEP web page at [www.wyep.org](http://www.wyep.org), or contacting their offices at 412.381.9131. ■

**Contributions:** This edition was edited by Jon J. Danzak with help from Ann H. Gaul. Thanks goes to contributing writers from the community or those who provided information for the newsletter. This includes:

- Julie Crawford (yard sale)
- Ann Gaul (RSCA mission/chairs)
- Michele Megarry (Run Around)
- Lisa Price (dogs)
- Terri Rosen (Braddock Avenue)
- Mary L. Turano (Wilkins School)
- Judy Werner (farmers market)

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# Events Calendar

2-Jul-2004 7:00PM

## First Friday At The Frick

*Frick Art & Historical Center,, 7277 Reynolds Street; off Penn Avenue between Lexington & Homewood*

Free open-air concert on grounds featuring Jim Walker & Free Flight

**Info:** 412-731-0600 [www.frickart.org](http://www.frickart.org)

3-Jul-2004

## Food Donations

*Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church - 905 Mifflin Avenue, corner of Mifflin and Whitney*

Nonperishable food donations collected for Wilkinsburg Community Ministries Food Bank. Collection on first Saturday of every month, drop off items at church.

**Info:** 412-731-2511 <http://mifflinave.org>

5-Jul-2004 7:00PM

## RSCA Meeting

*Wilkins School Community Center, between South Braddock and Milton at Charleston*

Regular meeting.

**Info:** 412-243-0702 or [president@regent-square.org](mailto:president@regent-square.org) to request the addition of an agenda item.

19-23-Jul-2004

## Vacation Bible School

*Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church - 905 Mifflin Avenue, (see above.)*

9 AM-Noon, children ages 3 through those finishing 6<sup>th</sup> grade..

**Info:** 412-731-2511 <http://mifflinave.org>

27-Jul-2004 6:30PM

## RSCA Newsletter Meeting

*At Katerbean, 1108 South Braddock Avenue, potential contributors & writers welcome!*

**Info:** Ann Gaul at 412-243-2021 or email [communications@regent-square.org](mailto:communications@regent-square.org)

2-Aug-2004 7:00PM

## RSCA Meeting

*Wilkins School Community Center, between South Braddock and Milton at Charleston*

Regular meeting.

**Info:** see 5-Jul-2004 listing

7-8-Aug-2004

## Urban & Community Forestry Inner-City Forum

*Workshop for those seeking grants in urban forestry; targeted at officials, administrators, and outreach staff. Call for more specifics.*

**Info:** 412-371-8779 or on the web at [www.ninemileinn.org](http://www.ninemileinn.org)

# Yardsale Recap

## *Huge Success!*

Committee Chair, Julie Crawford, pens a note to recap and say thanks.

With yellow balloons and yellow signs posted, the 2004 Regent Square Yard Sale proved to be a huge success despite those last minute showers. There were 124 officially registered households (27% sold last year, 35% were RSCA members, 31% volunteered in some way). To date 80% of participants have paid their registration fee.

**Thanks to a Great Committee** Yard Sale planning starts in the winter months. Working with Mary Louise Turano of the Wilkins School Community Center (WSCC), word was sent out. For the second year in a row, we made the Post-Gazette's weekend "Hot List of Things to Do"!

Efficient collection of registrations could not be done without Alina Keebler. She organized the data in a spreadsheet, which helped identify blocks with and without captains, create the Yard Sale Map, and get statistics for RSCA grant applications.

Artist Bill Godfrey modified the date on the banner. Swissvale Fire Department and Chief Johnson were enlisted to once again hoist it above South Braddock Avenue.

Gary Kaboly and Joe Morrison and the team at Pittsburgh Filmmakers opened the Regent Square Theatre for free cartoons. We used their marquee for information and map distribution. Thanks to Glenn Greer, Terri Rosen, Liz Baum, Joan Reefer and Rae O'Hare for staffing this area.

A special "Thank You" to all the block captains and sign hangers. With more than 50 blocks and 700 balloons hung, we're in debt to these special volunteers.

I would also like to thank everyone who sent in their surveys with comments and ideas. Some ideas for next year include:

- Goodwill pickup after the sale: We have tried but are overwhelmed with the coordination. Suggestions and contacts would be appreciated.
- Two Day Sale & or Seller's Preview: This can be investigated, but would require more volunteers etc.
- More Maps & Maps Online: Next year we will increase the number of maps given

to each registered participant. We're also giving consideration to on-line maps and more use of e-mail.

- Arts & Crafts Sale: Many suggested including this in our sale. We will see if something can be jointly coordinated with the WSCC arts sale.

Please send in any other ideas for consideration to [secretary@regent-square.org](mailto:secretary@regent-square.org). If you would like to volunteer to champion any ideas, let us know!

All fees gathered are first used to cover Yard Sale expenses. At \$5 and \$7 per residence, it's a deal! This year the remainder of the money (over \$300) goes to fund RSCA general initiatives. We ask all who have not yet paid their registration fee to please send your check to the RSCA, 7604 Charleston Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218. We also ask that anyone who sold unofficially to make a contribution to the RSCA — we put in a lot of hard work to make this day a success; your acknowledgement and participation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you one and all. We're already looking forward to next year's sale! ■

# Run Around *(Continued from page 1.)*

onto Tranquil Trail.

Tranquil Trail is where the Champion Timing Chip will be collected. The Race will again be using the "Champion Chip" to time the runners in the 5K event only. The 1.5 race will be timed as it has been in the past with bib race numbers only.

The Champion Chip is a small plastic disk containing miniature electronics that is attached to the runner's shoe with a plastic tie. The chip has a unique identification number that is associated with the runner. As the chip (and runner) crosses over a set of special mats at the finish line, the runner's time is automatically recorded. The runner must then take the Chip off and deposit it into one of the containers that volunteers will have ready.

As a result, no chutes are needed, there are no back-ups at the finish line and the result tabulation is practically instant! The Champion Chips are actually rented from the official race timer, Runner's High. Failure to return a chip will result in a \$35.00 fine payable to Runner's High.

The race committee debated whether to

use this system, but has been very pleased with the results — no chute back ups, quick timing results and we've only lost two chips in the four years that they have been used!

The Champion Chip is clearly the wave of the future, and with the large number of entrants for the Run Around the Square (1,500!) this is the best way to solution.

Because of the changes due to construction, there is no parking in Fern Hollow and there will be no parking on Trevanion. The usual "No Parking" signs will be up along the race course and the Committee hopes the residents will abide by this for the morning hours of 7:00 AM until 9:30 AM. (Thanks in advance for your cooperation!)

This race has something for everyone! The 1.5 mile Fun Run/Walk is *just for fun!* It is a great time for the whole family—dads, moms, grandpas and grandmas and all the kiddies. Even the dog can join in the fun. Special "dog scarves" are available to all registered dogs. **Friendly, walking on a leash, dogs are welcome in the 1.5 Fun**

**Walk only!** The dogs will have a 3 minute delayed start. (Owners are asked to be responsible and pick up whatever your dog leaves behind.) The 5K (3.1 mile) Run is more competitive and populated. It gives the crowd the experience of the Regent Square neighborhood and beauty of Frick Park with wonderful live entertainment along the way.

There are a variety of ways to register for the race this year. The newest way is on-line registration for runners 18 or older! On-line registration is found at the Race timer's website, [www.runhigh.com](http://www.runhigh.com). Click on the "Main Menu," "Regional Race Calendar," and "Runners High Race Calendar." Scroll down to 28-Aug-2004 to the Run Around The Square and click on "Register." This will take you to the "Local Sport Activity" page where you just need to follow three simple steps:

- 1.) Waiver Approval
- 2.) Select Category & Fees & Steps
- 3.) Payment.

It's easy and convenient! It costs an extra \$1.49, which goes to *(Continued on page 6.)*

# Run Around The Square 2004 Registration Form One name per entry.

Birthdate -- Circle Shirt Size Y (large) S M L X Age  Sex  M/F Regent Square Resident  (Y/N)

Name

Address

City  State  Zip

Phone -- Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Feel free to make copies of this form.**

I know that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I would not enter and run unless medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running in the event including, but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity, traffic and the conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in considering of you accepting my entry, I for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the Regent Square Race Committee, the City Of Pittsburgh and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of persons names in this waiver. Also, by signing this waiver, I become responsible to the race and to Runner's High for the rental of the Champion Chip issued to me. If I do not return this chip to the race committee on race day, I hereby agree to pay the event a replacement fee of \$35.

**5K Heavyweight**  
If Heavyweight, check appropriate box:

Male 190+  
 Female 145+

Must weigh-in before race at packet pick-up.

**Which Event?** Check all that apply.

- 5K Run/Walk - \$17 (\$20 after August 21<sup>st</sup>)**
- 1.5K Fun Run/Walk - \$12 (\$15 after August 21<sup>st</sup>)**
- Dogs - 1.5 Walk Only - \$7 (No on-line registration)**

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail and make check payable to: **Run Around The Square**, c/o Dunning's Grill, 1100 South Braddock Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15218-1258

Signature Required

Parent **must** also sign if runner is under 18 years

Tom Murphy, Mayor – Duane T. Ashley, Director – Tom Motznik, Council Chairperson. The Department of Parks and Recreation does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, sex, ethnic background or handicapped condition.

## Summer Bounty

*Nearby Farmers Market in*

*Wilksburg offers tempting selections*

Summer Produce has appeared at the Wilksburg Farmer's Market. Wonderful fresh vegetables and tempting breads, jams, and flowers grown by local farmers have finally come with the hot weather. Beets, rhubarb, and strawberries among other things are there now and more things are to come all though the summer, such as corn-on-the cob and tomatoes. There is nothing like fresh veggies! We've waited all winter for this.

Visit the market every Monday and Thursday from 3-6:30 pm at the Ross Avenue parking lot.

To get there from Regent Square: Take West Hutchinson to Pennwood. Go left to light at underpass. Turn onto Wood Street,

which is the second right at that light. At next light turn right onto Ross. Make left into the parking lot after dilapidated building. Park and look for farmers' trucks. ■

## RSCA Mission

*(Continued from page 1.)*

"The Regent Square Civic Association (RSCA) serves all the residents, businesses, and property owners in Regent Square, a neighborhood comprised of sections of four municipalities: Edgewood, Pittsburgh, Swissvale, and Wilksburg.

It is our goal to maintain a sense of community and continuously improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. The RSCA acts as a liaison to government agencies, organizes community events, initiates neighborhood improvements, collaborates with other community organizations, disseminates information to the community, and operates as an advocate on community-wide issues.

The RSCA is a not-for-profit volunteer-

led community association with a membership-elected board of directors. We aim to increase community membership and participation in the RSCA, as these are integral ways for individuals and businesses to make a positive impact on their community."

A clear and thorough statement of the organization's goals and direction may prove to be invaluable in working with government representatives and with foundations and other organizations for grants and other community support.

The RSCA website is currently under review and redesign. Look for the new mission statement and friendly, helpful community information on the new website in the near future. If you'd be interested in helping out with the RSCA website — in any capacity — please contact Ann Gaul at [communications@regent-square.org](mailto:communications@regent-square.org) or call 412-243-2012. All community assistance is truly appreciated and truly needed. ■

# A Great Place to Be a Dog!

*Part of a series of articles about dogs and dog-neighborliness in Regent Square*

**Keep Your Dog Cool This Summer:** Just like people, dogs can get overheated, suffer from dehydration, heat cramps, heat stress, or even heat stroke.

**Prevent heat-related problems as well as you can:**

- Use common sense about temperature, humidity, amount of shade, amount of time in the heat, level of exertion, and amount of water consumed.
- Take your dog's physical makeup and health into account. Thick-coated breeds (like Malamutes) and push-faced ones (like bulldogs), puppies younger than six months old, older dogs, and overweight dogs, dogs on certain medications or with certain conditions, or dogs that have suffered from heat-related problems before are at increased risk.
- Never leave your dog in a car on a warm day. To see how warm might be too warm, put on long pants and a long-sleeved shirt in a color similar to your dog's and sit in your car. Even with outside temperatures in the mid-60s with a nice breeze, a car can become very hot very fast, even with windows cracked and sitting in the shade.
- Walk your dog early in the morning or after dusk. Avoid hot sidewalks or street surfaces—remember, your feet may be protected by shoes, but your dog's paws aren't!
- Offer your dog fresh water often (not mud-puddle water).
- Keep your dog shaded as much as possible. Do not leave your dog in a sunny back yard, or even a shaded one with breeze-blocking fencing.
- If your dog has pale skin and light-colored fur, consult your veterinarian about dog-appropriate sunscreen, especially for ears, nose, and eyelids.
- Let your dog enjoy the comfort of a wading pool or sprinkler, if you run one to water your lawn. Put a wet bandana, towel, or T-shirt on your dog.
- Trim, but don't shave, double-coated dogs (like Chow-Chows). Leave some fur to insulate and protect your dog from sunburn. Other dogs' coats may not be dense enough to protect them from sunburn if you clip them, so leave their coats their usual length. But do be sure to groom the dog regularly to remove mats, which can create hot spots, and check for ticks and fleas.

**Spot potential problems early:**

- Is your dog panting more than usual?
- Is your dog declining invitations to play its favorite game?
- Is your dog moving more slowly than usual?
- Is your dog seeking shade?
- Is your dog digging for a cool spot in the dirt?

**If your dog is getting overheated, treat it quickly:**

- Get the dog out of the heat as soon as possible, into air conditioning if possible, or at least into shade.
- Wet the dog down with a hose or wet towels, but not ice.
- If you see signs of heat stroke (most noticeably vomiting, diarrhea, red gums, collapse, or seizure), contact your veterinarian. If the vet recommends a visit, continue the cooling process with wet towels during the trip until it is out of the danger zone—104 degrees Fahrenheit (get out your rectal thermometer!)—but not further, as cooling too much can send your dog into shock.

**Staying Safe at the Creek:** Lots of Regent Square dogs enjoy the off-leash area at Frick Park and like staying cool by plopping down in its creek. Be sure to remove slip or choke collars, which can snag on branches, plants, and debris (and other dogs' teeth!), but leave identifying collars and tags on. Be sure to give your dog a good washing with soap after a run in the creek to keep your pet, as well as you, healthy. ■

## Braddock Avenue

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Both of these items are necessary to obtain larger amounts of funding to move the project forward. Governor Rendell has several neighborhood improvement initiatives such as the Elm Street Project and the Main Street Project. To qualify for funding through the Elm Street Project, the community must be within a half-mile of a Main Street community. We are looking into what is involved in becoming a Main Street community.

This is a large undertaking and many of the steps must be done in a specific order. We thought it might be a good project for a CMU or University of Pittsburgh graduate student in a related field. If you know of someone, please let us know.

Many of you have expressed an interest in helping, so here is what the Braddock Avenue Committee needs right now. At the moment, it is not possible to give every intersection the same emphasis and financial investment. We need volunteers for a

subcommittee to develop priorities related to which intersections get emphasis. The recommendations would need to be supported by resident surveys and pedestrian counts at varying and critical times. This subcommittee would coordinate with the Braddock Avenue Improvement committee and would present its findings at Board Meetings.

Another project is tree replacement. Many of the sycamores along S. Braddock are dying. Tree-lined streets are an integral part of this neighborhood, so we would like to think about replacement trees now and need volunteers to help in identifying where new trees should go. If you are interested in either of these projects, please let us know.

Edgewood and Swissvale continue to improve signage along their sections of South Braddock Avenue. Crosswalks have been repainted, and additional pedestrian crossing signs and speed limit signs have been placed.

It has been a challenge to have official representation at the table from all four mu-

nicipalities involved. Edgewood and Swissvale attend every meeting and we are working to identify someone from the City of Pittsburgh and Wilkinsburg who will also be able to regularly attend.

*[Terry Rosen may be best contacted via email to [nice-president@regent-square.org](mailto:nice-president@regent-square.org).]* ■

## Patron Parking

### *Business District Help Is Needed*

Several business owners have noticed that employees of some business district establishments are parking on South Braddock for the entire day. This takes up valuable spaces other businesses depend on for their quick in and out patron traffic.

While parking a bit farther away may take a bit of searching and a few extra steps, the space that you allow for other business patrons is really appreciated by many business owners.

While there often is no ideal parking solution, a little extra care really can be a tremendous help in making more spaces available for patrons. ■

# Run Around The Square *(Continued from page 1)*

the Local Sports Activity for their service. Older persons may not register persons younger than 18 years of age on-line because parental signatures are required for those runners. Also, dog entrants, even if they can use the computer, may not be registered on-line.

An entry application for all events is included in this newsletter. It may be duplicated if you need additional copies. The websites [www.regentsquare.com](http://www.regentsquare.com) and the Regent Square Civic Association website [www.regent-square.org](http://www.regent-square.org) have an application that you may print and mail to Dunning's Grill, 1100 South Braddock Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15218.

Mil-in applications can be found at many of the Race sponsors' locations, including Dunning's Grill, Giant Eagle at the Edgewood Towne Centre, Regency Cleaners, Katerbean, D's Dogz, Mike's Cleaners, Mc Broom's, Square Café, Buffalo Blues, CLIPPS, Great American Federal, Neighborhood Realty, the think tank, and of course, the Frick Environmental Center.

Entrants may also register in person, pick up their number, packet and T-shirt on Thursday 26-Aug and Friday 27-Aug from 6 PM to 8 PM at Dunning's Grill.

Volunteers should pick up their instruction packets on the 26th and 27th (Volunteers: Do not wait until the morning of the race to pick up your volunteer packet. The Committee needs to know that you have your assignment by Friday night!)

To accommodate those last minute runners, registration is available the morning of the event at the Regent Square School on Henrietta St. starting at 7 AM. Please be aware of the increased fees for late registration and the possibility of not getting a complete race packet or desired T-shirt size.

**All runners for the 5k must pick up their chip the morning of the race.** There will be two lines — one for runner number and

one for Champion Chip. Please plan enough time to do both.

Residents are reminded that on the morning of the race there will be some traffic and parking disruptions from 7 AM until 9:30 AM. Please do not drive or park on the race course during these hours. Residents are encouraged to watch the race and cheer the runners on! The "Phantom Runner" will be in the race and will choose the "Most Enthusiastic Spectator." This year there will also be five "Mystery Runners" to vote for the most creative water stop. The voting will take place at the award ceremony.

Spectators are asked to stay off the trails while the race is progress. There are hundreds (over a thousand, to be exact!) of runners on the trails and there is just nowhere to stand or to watch. There are plenty of places to watch before the runners get onto the trails.

If you are using the trails to get down to the finish in Fern Hollow, please do so after the runners have passed.

If you are not participating in the Run Around the Square as a runner, walker, volunteer, or sponsor but would like a T-shirt, you may order an official T-shirt by filling out the application and marking "T-Shirt Only." The cost is \$10.00. The applications may be returned to Dunning's Grill, the Run's long and loyal sponsor and supporter!

The race committee— Barbara Daly Danko, Karen Mathias, Michele Megarry, Kirk Warner, Deb Waterkott, Pat Drenzo, Kip Kilpack, Laurie Moyer, Virginia Linn, Cari Marty, Mike Pascal, Donna Bour, Catherine Griffin, Barb Peterson, Debbie Caterino, Sylvia Madden, Jamie Teasedale, and Brendan & Jackie Laffey — would like to thank **everyone** in advance for their support and help. It takes a neighborhood to run a race!

If you need additional information or

would like to volunteer, please call Michele Megarry at 412-241-0913 ( e-mail [mmegarry@verizon.net](mailto:mmegarry@verizon.net)), or Karen Mathias at 412-243-5475 (email [kmathias@adelphia.net](mailto:kmathias@adelphia.net)).

Get ready, set, and go to this year's **Run Around The Square!** You can run, walk, walk your dog, cheer or just sit and enjoy the fun of one of Pittsburgh's most enjoyable community races! ■

## RSCA Changes

### ***Congratulations to new Finance Chair and Community Liaison***

Bill Werner retired from the RSCA Board earlier this year after many years of dedicated and active involvement. Though he's promised to stay involved (and the RSCA has promised to make sure that he stays up to date), Bill left a few key positions open: Finance Chair and Community Liaison.

The RSCA is pleased to announce that these positions, held by RSCA Board members, were recently filled: Kathleen Schneider will take on the Finance Chair role and Carole Stanier will fill the Community Liaison position.

Kathleen is an attorney and CPA with a practice in Regent Square. Her knowledge will be extremely valuable as the RSCA applies for grants and other funding to keep RSCA activities going and start new initiatives. Carole is very active with the Wilkins School Community Center, as well as the RSCA, and as Community Liaison will be able to make sure that our four municipalities and their appropriate representatives are kept up-to-date with RSCA activities and needs.

If you have some experience and would like to help out with either the Finance or Community Liaison committees, please contact Kathleen Schneider at

[kds.law@verizon.net](mailto:kds.law@verizon.net) or Carole Stanier at [cstanier@verizon.net](mailto:cstanier@verizon.net). As always, community participation in the RSCA is what makes the RSCA work! ■



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