

REGENT SQUARE

CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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

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Join us in September
at the RSCA Board Meeting,
7:00PM Monday, 12-September-2005 at
the Wilkins School Community Center
located at the corner of Milton and
Charleston Avenues.

Run Around The Square

Just Around the Corner: Saturday, 27-August-2005

August in Regent Square can only mean one thing ... it is time for the Annual Run Around the Square! Hundreds of volunteers and the faithful race committee have kept this race going for 23 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 get involved!

1.5 Mile Fun Run/Walk and Dog Walk

As usual, the 1.5 Mile Fun Run/Walk will begin at 8:15AM near 926 Milton Street. The Dog Walk will start approximately three minutes later. The 1.5 mile Fun Run/Walk is the same as last year. (See map on p3.) The course starts on Milton, continues on Trevanion, turns onto Richmond, turns right on Hutchinson for one block, then makes a right onto Lancaster. It continues on two blocks and turns left onto Charleston, then left onto LaClair, and right onto Overton to the finish line on Gamma Way.

5K (3.1 mile) Run/Walk

The 5K (3.1 mile) Run/Walk will begin at 9:00AM near the balloon arch at 911/908 Milton Street. The 5K course will go ALL the way down Milton to Trevanion and make a *right*. The runners will make the *right* onto **Lancaster** and the rest of the course is the same

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Pittsburgh Zoning Hearing Scheduled

Final Opportunity for Residents to Have Input

Pittsburgh City Council will have a final public hearing on 28-July-2005 at 1:45PM in City Council Chambers before voting on the revised zoning for all of the Regent Square section of the City. This will be the last time residents can speak out about this remapping before Council enacts any change.

Earlier newsletters have described the zoning remapping process, which in Regent Square consists primarily of single family residential districts. This remapping is being done neighborhood by neighborhood throughout the City in order to bring the zoning maps into conformance with the new zoning ordinance enacted in 1999.

In Regent Square, much of the zoning would not substantially change because there was an attempt to keep the new zoning categories consistent with the patterns of housing and lot sizes that presently exist in various blocks within Regent Square. The City has sent letters to each of the property owners in the City notifying them about this meeting. ■

Rooted In Regent Square

New RSCA Committee Heads Out to Plant Trees

Beginning this Fall, Regent Square will once again be graced by stately American Elm trees along its main corridor. Thanks to the generous assistance of State Rep. Dan Frankel, the RSCA will begin a project this October to plant trees along S. Braddock Avenue. The first section to be planted will extend from Forbes Avenue to just past Henrietta and will include the section of Frick Park from the ball fields to the Biddle Building.

In addition to Elms, we will be planting Oak, Linden, Serviceberry, Crabapple, Tree Lilac, Kousa Dogwood, and Yellowwood trees. The type of tree to be planted in an area will be determined by the characteristics of the particular site, such as wires, sidewalks, width of open space, etc.

Aside from the obvious beautification benefit that trees will bring to our neighborhood,

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Welcome New RSCA Volunteers

RSCA's New Newsletter Distribution Coordinator

With this issue, coordination of delivery of the newsletter around Regent Square will be done by Melita Carter, who is taking over from Alina Keebler. Much thanks to Alina for her help! Melita, her husband, Michael, and son, James, live on East End Avenue. Her job as Newsletter Distribution Coordinator is to ensure that all blocks have a resident to deliver the newsletter. At the moment all blocks are covered, but we do like to have backups to cover for times when the regular distributors are unavailable.

If you'd be willing to take a little bit of time each month to deliver the newsletter around where you live, or if you have any questions, contact Melita at 412-731-6097 or e-mail osbornmp@westinghouse.com.

RSCA's New Webmaster

Also, a warm welcome and thank you to Regent Square resident Bob McLaren who has taken on the duties of webmaster for www.regent-square.org — the RSCA's website. After months of searching for the ideal person to help us keep the site up-to-date, Bob has graciously volunteered his time and has already jumped right in. Visit www.regent-square.org regularly for information the RSCA and neighborhood events, membership information, and to see this newsletter online. ■

Busy Times at WSCC

WSCC Classes

Early Fall classes at the Wilkins School Community Center will begin the week of 12-September-2005. Get back into the swing of things by taking yoga, watercolor, aerobics, aikido kokikai, or a dance class — just to name a few of the offerings. For more information call 412-244-8458, review our website www.wscppgh.org, or send an e-mail to wscppgh@yahoo.com to receive e-mail notice of upcoming classes and events.

United Way Day of Caring at WSCC

Does your company participate in the United Way Day of Caring? If so, then convince your company to partner with WSCC or to choose one of our planned projects. The Wilkins School Community Center has four projects listed in the United Way Day of Caring program, including playground renovation, indoor painting, and outdoor landscaping. Show you care and volunteer at the Community Center! For more information, visit www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org to review WSCC projects or call 412-244-8458 or e-mail wscppgh@yahoo.com. ■

September Newsletter Submissions Due

Friday, 12-August-2005

Deadline for news or articles for the September Regent Square Newsletter is Friday, 12-August. We'd like to hear from community members about issues or activities that may be of interest to the rest of the neighborhood! ■

Contributions: This edition was edited by Ann Gaul. Thanks goes to contributing writers from the community or those who provided information for the newsletter, including

- Run Around the Square – Michele Megarry
- Arch Pelley – Rezoning
- Ann Kelton – Tree Planting
- Mary Louise Travers – WSCC items
- Glennen Greer – Film Festival
- Scott Seppi – House Numbers
- Teresa Stofesky – All About Dance
- Kitty Brunkhorst – Businesses Meet
- Amy Dove – TLC Opens

Articles may be submitted for publication via post or e-mail. Please visit the web site www.regent-square.org and see "Newsletter submission guidelines" under the "Newsletter" menu item for complete submission guidelines, or contact the newsletter committee to receive a hard-copy or e-mail of the guidelines. Please see the last page for contact information regarding the Newsletter committee, e-mail, or post office address.

Events for August

1-August-2005 | 7PM

RSCA Community Meeting

Regular monthly meeting.
Wilkins School Community Center, between South Braddock and Milton at Charleston.

Info: To request an agenda item. Call 412-371-2010 or president@regent-square.org

6-August-2005 | 9AM-12PM

Food Drive

Non-perishable food donations collected for the Wilksburg Food Pantry. Drop off items at church. Food collection every first Saturday of the month.

*Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church
905 Mifflin Ave., corner of Mifflin & Whitney*

Info: 412-731-2511 or www.mifflinave.org

16-August-2005 | 5:30-6:30PM

RSCA Business Members Meeting

Regular monthly meeting.
Location to be announced

Info: Call 412-371-2010 or membership@regent-square.org

27-August-2005

Run Around the Square

See information starting on p1.

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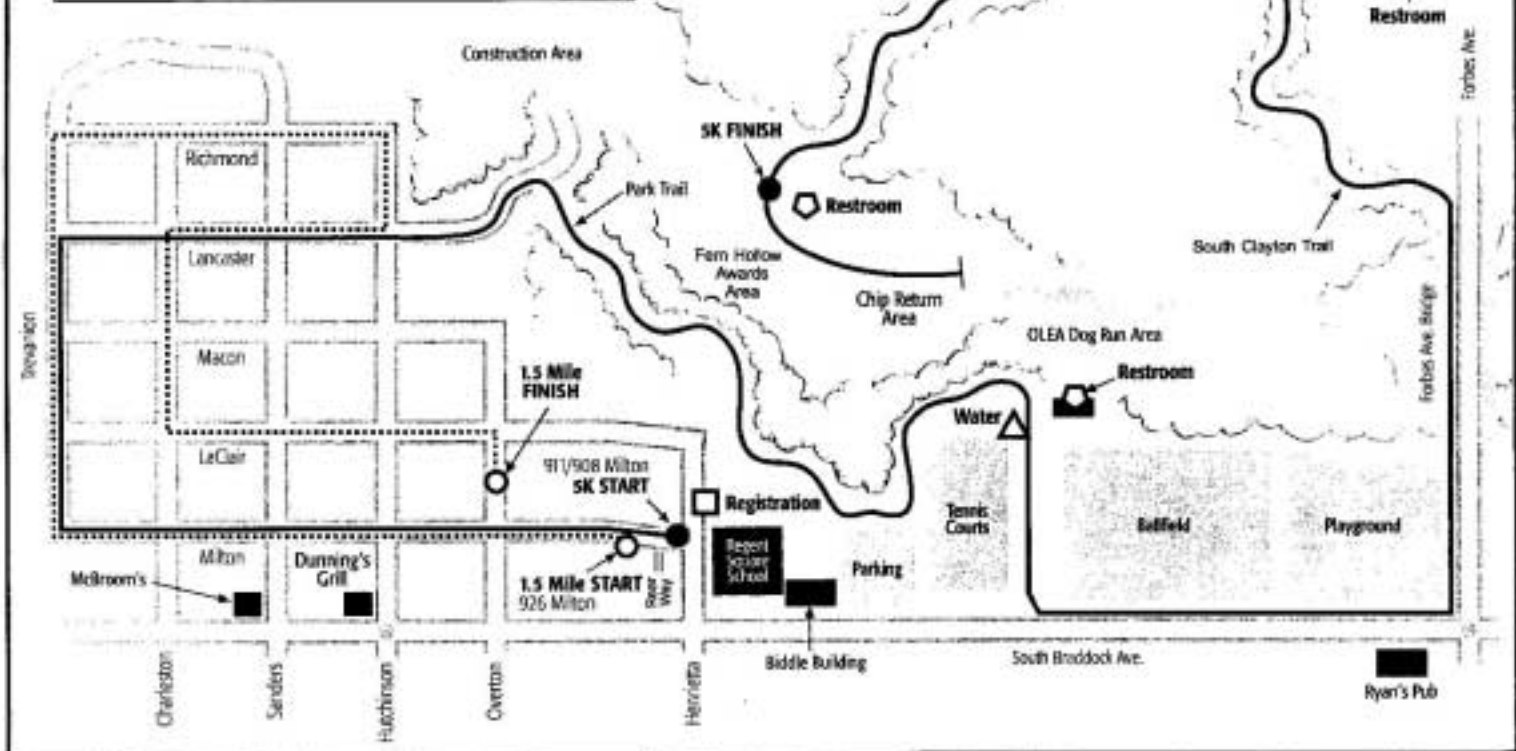
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..... 1.5 Mile Fun Run/Walk - 8:15 a.m.
 ——— 5K Run/Walk - 9:00 a.m.



Run Around the Square

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as last year, including the finish. The finish line is at the end of Falls Ravine Trail just as you come out of the trail (the exact spot is the fire hydrant at the end of the trail.) Runners will then make a *left* onto Tranquil Trail. See the map shown above or on the race website, www.regentsquare.com.

Getting Your Champion Chip

Tranquil Trail is where your Champion Timing Chip will be collected. This year, we 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 a miniature transponder that is attached to the runner's shoe with a plastic tie. As the chip (and runner!) crosses over a set of special mats at the finish line, the runner must take the CHIP off and deposit it into one of the containers that volunteers have. The chip will have sent its unique identification number via antennas in the mats to a computer where the time and runner number are recorded in the

finish line results. No chutes are needed, there are no back-ups at the finish line and the result tabulation is practically instant!

Technology does come at a price though. The *Champion Chips* are actually rented from our timer, Runner's High. *failure to return your 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 three chips in the five years we have used it! 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 go.

Be Aware: No Parking

There is no parking in Fern Hollow and No Parking on Milton, Trevanion and Lancaster. The usual *No Parking* signs will be up along the race course and we hope residents will abide by this for the morning hours of 7-9:30AM. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

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. *Only friendly, walking-on-a-leash dogs* are welcome in the 1.5 Fun Walk! The dogs will have a three minute delayed start. Please be a responsible dog owner and take whatever your dog leaves behind!

The 5K (3.1mile) Run is more competitive and populated and gives runners the experience of the Regent Square neighborhood and beauty of Frick Park with wonderful live entertainment along the way.

How to Register

There are a variety of ways to register for the race this year. The newest way is *on-line registration!* Go to www.active.com and click on the "Running Events."

It's easy and convenient! It costs an extra \$3.00, which goes to Active.com for their service. You may only register online if you are 18 or older. No one may register online for anyone under 18 due to the requirement of a parent signature if you are under 18. Also, dog entrants need to register by mail.

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Run Around the Square

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An entry application for all events is included in this newsletter (below). It may be duplicated if you need additional copies. Our web page on www.regentsquare.com and the Regent Square Civic Association's website, www.regent-square.org, also displays an application that you may print and *mail* to Dunning's Grill, 1100 South Braddock Avenue, Pgh. PA 15218.

You can also register by mail by filling out the applications that can be found at many of our sponsors: Dunning's Grill, Giant Eagle at Edgewood Towne Centre, Regency Cleaners, Katerbean, The Map Room, Typhoon, D's Dogz, McBroom's, Square Café, Buffalo Blues, CLIPPS, First Commonwealth Bank, Neighborhood Realty, the think tank group, and, of course, the Frick Environmental Center.

Register in Person

To register in person, pick up your number, packet, and T-shirt on Thursday, 25-August and Friday, 26-August from 6-8PM at Dunning's Grill.

And, to accommodate those last minute runners, you may even register on the morning of the event at the Regent Square School on Henrietta St. starting at 7AM. 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. **Note: All runners for the 5k must pick up their chip the morning of the race.** There will be two lines — one for your number and one for your chip.

Please plan enough time to do both.

New Posters, New Photographer

New this year are Run Around the Square posters designed by volunteer and Regent Square resident, Jim Nagel. In addition to being the official race photographer, Jim designed a very creative and informational poster that you have seen around the businesses in Regent Square and Squirrel Hill. Registration information is included on the poster along with a unique combo of photos from last year's race.

For Volunteers

Volunteers need to pick up their instruction packets on the 25- and 26-August (Volunteers: **Do not wait** until the morning of the race to pick up your volunteer packet. We need to know that you have your assignment by Friday night!)

Residents: Thank You in Advance

Residents are reminded that on the morning of the race there will be some traffic and parking disruptions from 7-9:30AM. 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 over 1,000 runners on the trails and there is just nowhere to stand or to watch. There are plenty of places to be a spectator before the runners get onto the trails. If you are using

the trails to get down to the finish, please wait until the runners have passed.

T-Shirts for Non-Participants

If you are not participating in the race 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. Applications may be returned to Dunning's Grill, our long and loyal sponsor and supporter!

Dedicated Volunteers

A very dedicated group of Regent Square residents gets the wheels in motion to make this race happen every year. A *huge* thank you goes out to the race committee: Barbara Daly Danko, Karen Mathias, Michele Megarry, Kirk Warner, Deb Waterkott, Pat Drenzo, Kip Kilpack, Laurie Moyer, Cari Marty, Mike Pascal, Donna Bour, Kathryn Griffin, Barb Peterson, Debbie Caterino, Sylvia Madden, Virginia Linn, Brendan & Jackie Laffey and new resident, Justin Gottwald. The committee thanks *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 (mmegarry@verizon.net), or Karen Mathias at 412-243-5475 (e-mail kmathias@adelphia.net).

So get ready, set, and go to this year's **Run Around The Square!** You can run, walk,

RUN AROUND THE SQUARE 2005 • REGISTRATION FORM

One name per entry.

Birthdate	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Shirt Size	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> X	Age	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> m/f	Regent Square Resident?	<input type="checkbox"/> y/n	
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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, 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 named in this waiver. Also, by signing this waiver, I become responsible to the race and to Runner's High for the rental chip or chip issued to me. If I do not return this chip to the race committee or race day, I hereby agree to pay the event a replacement fee of \$25.

Which Event? Check all that apply

5K Run/Walk — \$17.00 (\$20 after August 20th)

1.5K Fun Run/Walk — \$12.00 (\$15 after August 20th)

Dogs — 1.5 Walk Only — \$7.00 (No on-line registration)

Dog's Name:

Mail and make check payable to: **Run Around the Square,**
c/o Dunning's Grill, 1100 S. Braddock Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Signature Required _____

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

Tom Murphy, Mayor • Duane J. Ashley, Director • Jim Motzink, Council Chairperson • The Department of Parks and Recreation does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, sex, ethnic background or handicap/condition.

Calling Film Fans

Help Needed for Fall 2005 Festival

Last year, the RSCA entered into a partnership with the Pittsburgh Filmmakers for the annual Three Rivers Film Festival, which occurs in November. In addition to finding introducers for each film, volunteers will also be needed to organize film discussions to be held at local eateries and to help rip tickets and give surveys of the films.

The Film Festival committee is looking for volunteers to help with the planning of the event. If you are interested, contact Glennen Greer at glennen@hotmail.com. Sometime in the Fall, the call for event volunteers will be announced along with the exact dates of the Festival. Look for information in upcoming newsletters. ■

Eagle Scout Encourages Safety

House Numbers in Alleys Help Emergency Services

For Regent Square-resident Scott Seppi's Eagle Scout Project, he put up house numbers in the alleys of houses to the east of S. Braddock Ave. He selected this project so that in the event of an emergency, houses could be quickly identified from the alley. During the early stages of the project, Scott learned about two incidents in which emergency services attempted to find houses from the alley, but could not. In one case, a house was burned worse than it should have been because the fire department was unable to quickly locate the house from the rear. In a second case, an ambulance was trying to reach a house from the alley and again was slow in getting to the woman who needed help because they could not identify the house from the alley.

With the help of a number of volunteers, Scott passed out flyers to 350 homes, offering a selection of types of house numbers and installation. He got responses from 64 households. The numbers were put up a few weeks later. The blocks with the most participants were the 900 block of LaClair St., with nine participants, and the 1200 block of Richmond St., with seven participants.

Scott would like to thank everyone who participated in his Eagle Scout project. He would especially like to thank the new Busy Beaver in Edgewood Towne Centre for giving him a 20-percent discount on the numbers and being helpful about ordering large quantities with a quick turnaround time.

Scott urges people who did not participate in the project to put up their own house number on the alley-side of their property for safety's sake. Busy Beaver has a nice selection of numbers at very affordable prices. ■

Planting Trees

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studies have shown that trees planted along streets create the psychological effect of being in an enclosed space. This effect causes drivers to slow down (much like they do going through the Squirrel Hill Tunnels!) and should actually help to calm traffic along Braddock Avenue.

Because of pre-existing trees and obstructions, not every property along South Braddock is suitable for a new planting, but we will try to include as many sites as possible in this project. Volunteers will be contacting property owners in the next two months to discuss the project and to obtain permission to plant trees. Trees will be provided and planted at no cost to property owners, but property owners must sign a pledge to properly care for them.

The RSCA is planning a Community Planting Day in October — watch the newsletter for details. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the project, or would like to volunteer to help out, please call Ann Kelton at 412-244-5722. ■

Dance in the Square

New Dance Studio Opens

On 20-June-2005, All About Dance opened its doors at The Center For Creative Play, located at 1400 South Braddock Ave. The studio offers experienced instruction from Miss Audrey Trojanowski and Mrs. Teresa Stofesky. Both instructors have taught for decades at Chatham College's Laboratory School of Dance and Chatham Daycamp. Classes are offered to students ages three through adult. There is a yearly recital and further opportunities to perform through La Belle Danse Co. and the Tip Toe Competitive Dance Team.

The instructors have installed a brand new hard wood maple sprung floor. The studio is fully mirrored and air conditioned. It also includes state-of-the-art ballet barres and sound system. There is a video screen for instructional purposes in the studio as well. The dancers will have a dressing room and there is ample free parking.

On 6-September-2005, our full Fall semester will begin. If you would like information on ballet or pointe classes, please call Miss Audrey at 412-521-0683.. For information about jazz, tap, and hip hop classes, please call Mrs. Teresa at 412-343-3105. You can reach All About Dance via e-mail at allaboutdance-ts@verizon.net. ■

Businesses Meet

Plans Moving Forward

Seventeen businesses were represented at the June meeting of Regent Square business owners; minutes were distributed to another 15 who have expressed interest, but were unable to attend.

After introductions, the group discussed new things happening in the business community and initiatives presented since the May meeting — followed by an attempt to prioritize issues to work on. The issues that seemed most important were to develop a theme for the business district, come up with some very concrete ways to help one another; and submit articles about the business district to other publications in the metropolitan area.

The Business Members decided to continue meeting monthly, usually the third Tuesday or Thursday, to move ahead on these items. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 16-August-2005, location to be announced. For information, call Alina at 412-371-2010 or membership@regent-square.org ■

Become a 2005 Member of the RSCA!

Support the efforts of the RSCA

Your membership dues, and/or a donation of your choice, help the RSCA continue to work on behalf of the Regent Square community. Please send in this form with your check (*payable to RSCA*) to: RSCA Treasurer, 7604 Charleston Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15218

____ **Residents (# adults per household) @ \$10.00 each; or 1 Business @ \$25.00 each**

Name _____
Name _____
Name _____

Business Name _____
Business Owner _____
Alternate Rep. _____
Business Website _____

Address: _____

Municipality: _____

Phone: _____

State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

- Notes:**
- Contact information is not shared with other organizations
 - Membership year runs Jan. 1st - Dec. 31st - dues received after Oct. 1st will be attributed to the following year
 - Membership dues are not tax-deductible as a charitable contribution; however, they may be deductible as an expense incurred in connection with a trade or business
 - For membership information, or to find out if you have renewed your membership, contact the RSCA Membership Chair at 412-371-2010 or membership@regent-square.org

Contact me to discuss the following activities, ideas, or issues:

After-School Program Begins Third Year

Now Open to Regent Square Residents

Waverly Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Forbes and S. Braddock, will begin the third year of its after-school program this September. Originally designed to serve students from Wilksburg, the program is now accepting children from the Regent Square area. The Tutoring & Literacy Center (TLC) is scheduled to operate Tuesdays from 3:30-6PM and Thursdays from 3:30-7PM. Dinner is included in our Thursday schedule.

TLC provides help with homework, tutoring in math and reading, and literacy-based activities for 12-15 elementary-aged children and 10 junior/senior high youth. The program is small because they feel that building relationships is an important component of effective learning. TLC sessions also include arts and crafts activities, music, drama, and recreation at Frick Park, as well as two to three field trips during the school year. The program is free because it is underwritten by a grant from the Grable Foundation.

If you are interested in learning more about TLC, please contact Amy Dove at 412-242-0643. TLC is accepting student applications and also is looking for a Lead Teacher and volunteer aids. ■

Looking for Volunteers

RSCA Welcome Booklet and Packet: Gather information from Regent Square businesses; layout the Regent Square business directory; distribute the booklet to new residents. For information, contact Randi at 412-371-2010 or membership@regent-square.org

RSCA Membership: Deliver RSCA Membership materials to new members; contact Alina at 412-371-2010 or membership@regent-square.org. ■

Regent Square Classifieds

BUSINESS AND HOME ORGANIZATION

Tina Casale
412-351-7720

SEAMSTRESS

Betty F. Penick
412-371-6017
Professional Tailoring. 50+ years of experience: pants and skirts hemming, alterations to wedding and prom gowns. By appointment only.

TUTOR

Mary Ann Greer
412-243-5734 or magreer@verizon.net
More than 12 year's tutoring experience and 30 years as a teacher and counselor. All academic areas, college applications, entrance exams, learning disabilities, and "gifted" challenges.

Please note: The RSCA/Regent Square Newsletter cannot and does not recommend or promote these individuals or their skill/service and cannot be held responsible for services rendered. It is up to the user to determine qualifications and applicability for the job requested.

Be Listed in the Classifieds

This once-a-quarter section in the Regent Square Newsletter lists skills and services available from Regent Square resident. Fee for Regent Square residents is \$10 a quarter (for individuals outside of Regent Square, \$20 a quarter. For information, contact newsletter@regent-square.org or call 412-371-2010. *The Regent Square Newsletter reserves the right to accept or reject any Classifieds request.* ■



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