

# 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 next month at

The RSCA Board Meeting, 7:00 PM  
Monday, 3-October-2005 at the Wilkins  
School Community Center located at  
the corner of Milton and Charleston  
Avenues.

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## RSCA Board Elections

### *Nominations Sought for 2006-2008 Term*

The RSCA is extending an open invitation to members to be considered for inclusion on the 2006 Board Ballot. Deadline for submission is Friday, 9-September-2005. There are four board seats that will be up for election and each seat is for a three-year term. The current RSCA Board is going to vote on a slate of candidates at the Monday, 12-September-2005 Board meeting and ballots for RSCA members to vote with will be available in the October newsletter and online at [www.regent-square.org](http://www.regent-square.org).

The RSCA Board is comprised of 12 community members. We are looking to add new skills and abilities, new energy and ideas, while continuing the projects currently in motion. We want to ensure that we have representation from our four communities: Edgewood, Pittsburgh, Swissvale and Wilkinsburg.

If you want to actively work to make a difference and can attend the monthly board meetings, which are currently held on the first Monday of the month, participate and/or chair a committee, and share the goal of promoting the RSCA and its mission, then please submit the Board of Directors Nomination Form on pages 3-4 to Arch Pelley, current president and head of the nominations committee. You may submit your name or that of a neighbor either via e-mail through the RSCA website or U.S. mail to the RSCA. Once a name has been submitted, that person will be contacted by a member of the nominations committee before the September Board meeting.

Remember, all nominations and associated information must be received by Friday, 9-September-2005. ■

## Plan to Plant Trees!

### *Phase 1 About to Get Underway!*

Join the RSCA on Saturday, 8-October-2005 as we begin the first phase of the plan to plant trees along Braddock Avenue. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the playground at Forbes and Braddock. First a "mini-seminar" on tree-planting will take place, and then we'll get busy putting in about 30 trees. The planting holes will be pre-dug, and trees will be delivered to the sites. Community members will set the saplings in the planting holes, refill the soil, water, and lastly, mulch the trees. Volunteers are asked to bring work or gardening gloves and shovels, if available. Please call or e-mail Ann Kelton at 412-244-5722 or send an e-mail to [akelton@verizon.net](mailto:akelton@verizon.net) to volunteer or for more information. ■

## Annual Halloween Party

### *Saturday, 29-October — Dress-Up Fun for Kids*

The annual RSCA Children's Halloween Party will be held on Saturday 29-Oct-2005 from 2PM-4PM at the Wilkins School Community Center at the corner of Milton and Charleston. The party is designed for children 12 and under, although older children may participate as well. There will be refreshments and treats available. A costume judging for all children will start shortly after 3PM. All winners will receive their very own pumpkin that they can decorate for the season.

The RSCA is actively looking for volunteers to help organize and staff the event. Please contact Joan Reefer at 412-243-3411 or send an e-mail to [sjreefer1@msn.com](mailto:sjreefer1@msn.com). ■

# Film Enthusiasts

## Volunteers Needed for 3RFF

Volunteers are needed for the 24th annual Three Rivers Film Festival, being held 4-17-November-2005 at the Regent Square Theater and other Pittsburgh Filmmakers venues. Volunteers will receive free festival tickets and T-shirts. For more information, contact Glennen Greer at glennen@hotmail.com. ■

## “Open House” at Mifflin Avenue UMC

### Sundays in September

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Mifflin Avenue and Whitney Street, welcomes everyone to join them during our “Open House” every Sunday during the month of September.

September is “Open House” in local churches throughout the United Methodist Church. Mifflin Avenue UMC is joining in the spirit of “Open Hearts, Open Minds, And Open Doors,” by inviting others to join them for:

- Sunday School (for all ages).....9:30AM–10:30AM
- Fellowship and Refreshments .....10:30AM–11AM
- Worship Service .....11AM
- Welcome and Reception .....12:15PM

Childcare is available during Sunday School and the Worship Service.

If you are looking for a church home, plan to visit Mifflin Avenue UMC during “Open House” or on any Sunday. For information, please call 412-731-2511 or visit [www.mifflinave.org](http://www.mifflinave.org). ■

## Class of '74, Where Are You?

### Allerdice 31½ Reunion Planned

Allerdice Class of '74 plans an evening reunion on 26-November-2005. (It's our 31½!) Alums who haven't yet been found, please e-mail [Lou@weisslines.com](mailto:Lou@weisslines.com) or phone 412-421-8832 with your phone number, e-mail address, and street address. Quickly! Before we all turn 50! ■

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- Ann Kelton – Tree Planting
- Joan Reefer – Halloween Party
- Glennen Greer – Film Festival
- Mary Kilgour – Open House
- Audrey Glickman – Allerdice Reunion
- Michelle Megarry – Regent “Squarers”
- Fred Leff – Real Estate
- Caroline Zenkevich – Word of God School
- Randi Laidlaw – Business Packets

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# Events Calendar

27-August-2005

## Run Around the Square

See information at [www.regent-square.org](http://www.regent-square.org)

3-September-2005 | 9AM–12PM

## Food Drive

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

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

**Info:** 412-731-2511 or  
[www.mifflinave.org](http://www.mifflinave.org)

12-September-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](mailto:president@regent-square.org)

14-September-2005

## October Newsletter Submissions Due

18-September-2005 | 11AM–2PM

## Rabies Clinic

*Paws-itively Pets, 1124 S. Braddock Avenue*  
**Info:** 412-731-7297

20-September-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](mailto:membership@regent-square.org)

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# RSCA Board Nomination Form

## *RSCA Board of Directors 2006-2008 Term*

Would you or someone you know who lives in Regent Square be interested in:

- \* undertaking programs and initiating activities that serve the Regent Square community and enhance its values and assets?
- \* encouraging and supporting endeavors which seek to improve the quality of life in Regent Square?
- \* promoting responsible participatory citizenship among Regent Square residents and businesses?
- \* maintaining liaisons, disseminating information, and implementing public policies beneficial to the welfare of Regent Square?  
(\* from the by-laws of the RSCA)

If the answer is YES to any of the above, then nominate him/her as a candidate to the RSCA Board for the 2006-2008 term by completing this form and mailing it in by Friday, 9-September-2005:

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Evening/Weekend Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_ Edgewood \_\_\_\_\_ Pittsburgh \_\_\_\_\_ Swissvale \_\_\_\_\_ Wilkinsburg

Nominee's relevant experience and/or interests:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee is (check all that apply):

yourself

a friend or neighbor

an RSCA member

a Regent Square business owner

Two to three sentences describing why you or your nominee would make a great RSCA Board member and what you/he/she hope to gain by participating:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Submit your nomination(s) by September 9th!**

To send in this form without a separate envelope:

- fold on the dashed lines,
- tape shut, and
- add postage and mail.

Thank you for your involvement!

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TO: **Regent Square Civic Association**  
**7604 Charleston Ave.**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15218-1265**  
**ATTN: Board Nomination**

**Board Ballots in October Newsletter**

Look in the October Regent Square Civic Association newsletter for Board Ballots and be sure to vote! October 1st is the deadline for becoming 2005 RSCA members, so hurry up and send in your dues to be able to vote in this election.

# 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 applied 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](mailto:membership@regent-square.org)

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

## Be a True Regent “Square”

### ***Race for Pace on 8-October- 2005***

Dear Regent Squarians ... or is it Regent Squareites? ... Regent Square-ers? Oh heck, let's just call ourselves Regent Squares! Come join the Regent Square Team for the Race for Pace on Saturday, 8-October-2005 at 9AM.

Regent Square has been asked to organize a team of runners, walkers, and/or supporters from the neighborhood to help support PACE School located at 2432 Greensburg Pike. It is a simple 5K (3.1 mile) walk, run, jog, or even a stroll, for anyone who wants to support Pace School, which is private, non-profit school dedicated to providing educational and therapeutic services that enable any child to thrive.

If you are interested in being part of the team, please fill out an application which can be found at [www.paceschool.org](http://www.paceschool.org). Make sure you fill out the application and be sure to mark the Team Name – “Regent Squares.” Please contact Michele Megarry at 412-241-0913 or at [mmegarry@verizon.net](mailto:mmegarry@verizon.net) to find out where to drop off your application and how to find hard copies of the application. Entries need to be mailed in together by 29-September.

Team members who are fun at heart and have a free spirit can enter in the category of “Best Costume.” You don't have to wear a costume, but if you choose to do so, one will be provided.

Even if you cannot make it, support a great cause and help to represent Regent Square by filling out an application and mail it in, noting you are part of the “Regent Squares” Team. Many of the PACE staff volunteer for The Run Around the Square. Race for PACE's goal is to have 1,000 registered runners. Help them out by coming to Race for PACE, representing Regent Square, helping a great cause and in the process, having some fun! ■

## Real Estate in the Square

### ***Realtor Fred Leff Talks About Regent Square Real Estate***

Real estate has continued to increase in value in the Square, as it has for many years! We are back to seeing three-bedroom homes on the market and, although some took a little longer to sell than in previous years, they sold just the same — and for new market highs! Milton Avenue has seen more homes on the market than in any time in recent memory. But most of them have sold, and what hasn't will probably be sold by September if priced correctly.

There have been some larger homes on the market as well, though not nearly the number that were available last year. These larger homes have sold for higher prices as well. Many have sold to people in our own neighborhood who are looking to stay, but needing more room. When priced correctly, homes will move.

While we don't know what the property assessments will bring in the near future, Fred is sure of one thing: as in the past, the values will increase. New buyers need to be aware of rising assessments. Rising home prices can be great for those who are selling and not so great for those who are staying.

Fred “expect[s] things to continue pretty much as they have in the last few years.” He believes that prices will continue to increase, but possibly not so dramatically. And, unless the County can get a better handle on the tax situation, assessments will follow suit. Interest rates are still in the five percent range, which offers new home buyers a great deal for their money.

Regent Square is in demand. The upkeep of the homes, the location of the neighborhood, and the wonderful people that make up our area are some of the factors that will continue to increase the home valuation. ■

## Experienced Career Counselor Relocates to the Square

### ***Career Counseling Addresses the Age-Old Question of “What Do I Want To Be When I Grow Up?”***

Litzinger Career Consulting, a private practice owned and run by Karen Litzinger, relocated to Regent Square from Shadyside this April. Karen has been counseling individuals about their careers and coaching people through their job searches for more than 20 years, and she is a National Certified Counselor and a Pennsylvania Licensed Professional Counselor.

“I see my goal as helping people find greater satisfaction and success in their career through career counseling and job search coaching,” says Karen. Career counseling includes vocational testing and job search coaching includes assistance with resumes, cover letters, videotaped mock interviews, and job search strategy. Karen also offers a High School Advising Package to help students clarify academic goals, which could assist the college planning process.

Karen chose to locate her business in Regent Square primarily because she lives in Swissvale. “It's great to be able to walk to work, although, as was predicted by my partner, Joe, I rarely do so.” She also likes the Square's proximity the Parkway entrance and how easy it is to give directions to clients.

“When I looked at this office four years ago, I loved it,” says Karen, “but negotiations were too far along with a Shadyside office space, so I moved there. I ended up developing a professional relationship with Tory Butterworth, the body-centered therapist who leased the Regent Square office, and we met monthly at Katerbean for networking. When the suite of counselors was moving out of the Shadyside office, I naturally explored with Tory about moving into the office that I had so loved ... and it was available!”

Litzinger Career Consulting became a business member of the RSCA this summer and Karen has already volunteered to be on the Business Packet committee. “I was happy to learn that there is business involvement in RSCA, especially the new initiatives that started this summer. I like feeling part of a neighborhood rather than just coming in and out of my office. I hope to get to know other businesses so we can support each other through referrals, as well as a friendly hello.”

To contact Litzinger Career Consulting call 412-242-5342 or e-mail [Litzingerkaren@aol.com](mailto:Litzingerkaren@aol.com).

# Back to School

## **Local School has Diverse Offerings**

It's Fall, which means back to school — many different schools, in fact — for the children of Regent Square. Ask any parent in the area and you're as likely to hear that his or her children attend a school in one of the local districts, Woodland Hills and the City of Pittsburgh, as you are about one of the private or parochial options.

One of these parochial schools that is well-attended by students from the Square is Word of God Catholic School in Swissvale. For more than 100 years, Word of God has educated generations of local families. Principal Sister Mary Victor Powers says, "We believe it's our family-focused approach to education that is drawing more families every year."

This is what attracted LaClair Street residents Holly and Andy Mihm, whose daughters are entering second grade and preschool. "It's very family-oriented," says Holly. "They really involve the parents and work with them to develop the whole child. Plus, the small class size means that they get a lot of individual attention and opportunities for hands-on learning."

Courses at Word of God include math, reading, science, music, art, Spanish, sign language, computers, and more. Extracurricular programs include robotics club, athletics, fine arts club, stage and musical performances, and an annual science fair.

Although it is Catholic, the school welcomes children of all faiths, as well as children of all abilities. This is part of what attracted Richmond Street residents Loretta Hurley and Alan Schlossberg. After living in New York for many years, the interfaith couple settled in the Square, intending to send their children to Pittsburgh Public Schools. When investigating pre-schools for their daughter, they were attracted to Word of God "because of its excellent reputation and the warm and nurturing environment." Alan says, "Our older daughter, Sarah, has had an incredibly positive experience at Word of God. It is wonderful to find a school that offers strong academics and an appreciation for the arts."

Also attractive to the Hurley/Schlossbergs was the fact that Word of God is one of only six Catholic elementary schools in the Pittsburgh area to educate students with special needs through the St. Anthony's program. It also provides classes and activities to students from the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. As parents of a child with special needs, the Hurley/Schlossbergs were delighted to discover the connection with St. Anthony's where children with special needs are included in all aspects of school life. "It is really important for us to give Anna the opportunity to be with typical peers in a

classroom setting," says Loretta, "and also have a program that will address her special needs."

Word of God is located at 7436 McClure Avenue in Swissvale.

For more information, visit the school's Web site at [www.wordofgodschool.org](http://www.wordofgodschool.org) or call 412-371-8587. ■

## Volunteer!

### **In Search of Willing Hands RSCA Halloween Party**

Help buy pumpkins, run games for the kids, register kids and put their names in a hat for pumpkin drawing, decorate for the party, pick up treats for the Goody Bags, stuff Goody Bags, contact Giant Eagle and Eat'n Park for food and Smiley cookie donations, help with crowd control at party, and/or help clean up, contact Joan Reefer at 412-371-2010 or e-mail [info@regent-square.org](mailto:info@regent-square.org)

### **RSCA Proposal Writing**

Help write county and state grants for neighborhood improvements. Contact Arch Pelley at 412-371-2010 or e-mail [president@regent-square.org](mailto:president@regent-square.org) ■

## Welcome Packet

### **Send in Business Information**

The RSCA Welcome Packet committee, an initiative coming out of the monthly RSCA Business Community meetings, is putting together information to pass out to new Regent Square residents. The packet will include a listing of local businesses, among other things. Randi Heller Laidlaw, committee chair, asks all businesses and non-profits within the Regent Square area (including home-based businesses) to send in their name, address, phone, e-mail, website and a four word or less description of their business to [randilaidlaw@allstate.com](mailto:randilaidlaw@allstate.com) or call her at 412-247-5999 between 9:30–10:30AM, Monday through Friday. ■

## Regent Square Business News

### **Stay in the Loop**

If you own or run a Regent Square business and would like to be notified of upcoming business-related news, please contact [membership@regent-square.org](mailto:membership@regent-square.org) or the RSCA at 412-371-2010. Make sure to leave your business name, along with your name, phone number and an e-mail address. Individuals who have a home-based business are welcome! ■



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