

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, 7-November-2005 at the
Wilkins School Community Center
located at the corner of Milton and
Charleston Avenues.

RSCA Community Tree Planting

Join the RSCA 8-October for Phase I

The first phase of the Braddock Avenue tree planting project will take place on Saturday, 8-October. Volunteers and sidewalk superintendents are invited to meet at the Forbes and Braddock playground at 9AM for a mini-seminar/demonstration on tree planting. We will then move along Braddock Avenue planting, mulching and watering about 30 trees.

The planting holes will be pre-dug and trees will be delivered right to the sites, so the work should not be too strenuous. Volunteers are asked to bring their own shovels and gloves, if available. Planting should take about 3 hours or so, but any amount of time volunteered will be welcomed. Pizza and pop will be served when we are finished. To volunteer, or with any questions, please call Ann Kelton at 412-244-5722 or e-mail to akelton@verizon.net. ■

Annual RSCA 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.

Want to volunteer at this fun event? Contact Joan Reefer at 412-243-3411 or e-mail sjreefer1@msn.com. ■

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Which Intersections Do You Use?

Moving Ahead with Pedestrian Safety

The RSCA is in the preliminary stages of planning for enhanced pedestrian safety along the South Braddock Ave. corridor. We would like to know what intersections Regent Square residents use the most among. Please rank the intersections in the order you feel are most important, with 1 being the most important, and so on (intersections with traffic lights and pedestrian walk signs are excluded):

- _____ South Braddock and Guthrie St.
- _____ South Braddock and Biddle Ave.
- _____ South Braddock and Whitney Ave.
- _____ South Braddock and Overton St.
- _____ South Braddock and Sanders St.
- _____ South Braddock and Charleston Ave.

Mail your answers to Regent Square Civic Association, 7604 Charleston Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15218-1265, or e-mail them to safety@regent-square.org. ■

CFCP Turns 10

Happy Birthday!

The Center for Creative Play (CFCP), located at 1400 S. Braddock Ave., will be celebrating its tenth anniversary throughout the month of October. Special events include a community Birthday Party sponsored by First Commonwealth on 8-October-2005. Admission will be free and the day will include special events and activities. ■

Holiday Gift Shop Opens Soon

Opening Night 28-October

The WSCC's Holiday Gift Shop (HGS) is coming. It will celebrate all seasonal holidays — starting with an opening night café with the “Wilkins Witches” on 28-October (7-9PM) and continue for three weeks until 19-November. Hours are Monday through Thursday 5-9PM and Saturday 9AM-5PM.

This event gives local crafters an outlet for their talents. It is also a unique boutique for local residents to do some holiday shopping. The WSCC's goal is to provide this balance as a community experience. The show will include many new creative crafts. Local businesses are involved and recognized. Come and buy and support your local community center. WSCC members will receive a 10%-off coupon for a one-time purchase.

This year there will be a vintage art sale decorating the WSCC hallway. Prices for quality used art will be nominal.

WSCC is still looking for crafts, salespeople, security people, promotions people, and used quality art work.

Call the Wilkins School Community Center at 412-244-8458 or Judy at 412-241-8126 with questions, ideas, or donations. ■

Late Fall Classes

Wilkins School Community Center

Late Fall classes at the Wilkins School Community Center will begin the week of 31-October-2005. Support the Community Center by taking a class such as Pilates, Yoga, Watercolor, Aerobics, Aikido Kokikai, or a dance class, just to name a few... WSCC also has a variety of mini-classes, such as wine tasting, creating a gingerbread house, and cooking. For more information call 412-244-8458, review their website at www.wscppgh.org, or send an e-mail to wscppgh@yahoo.com to receive e-mail notice of upcoming classes and events. ■

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- Ann Kelton – Tree Planting
- Glennen Greer – Film Festival
- John Broyles – Intersections
- Cathy Brennan – Branding
- Heather Scrivner-Mediate – CFCP
- Cathy Brennan – Call for Artists
- Judy Werner – Gift Shop
- Mary Kilgour – Food Collection
- Mary Louise Travers – WSCC items
- Colleen Derda – Check Presented
- Michele Megarry – Race Report
- Heather Scrivner-Mediate – Café Opens

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October Events Calendar

1-October-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

3-October-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

7-October-2005

Nov/Dec Newsletter Submissions Due

E-mail articles and information to newsletter@regent-square.org

8-October-2005 | 9AM

Community Tree Planting

Phase I — Volunteers welcome
Meet at the Forbes and S. Braddock Playground

Info: Ann Kelton at 412-244-5722 or akelton@verizon.net

12-October-2005 | 9AM-3PM

Rummage Sale/Bake Sale

Something for everyone — many items for sale. Proceeds from the rummage sale will benefit church improvements and the bake sale benefits missions.

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

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

18-October-2005 | 5:30PM-6:30PM

RSCA Business Network Mtg.

Business owners and non-profits working together for a better Regent Square business district

*Meeting held at a different Regent Square
business each month; ask to be put on e-mail list*

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

29-October-2005 | 7PM

RSCA Halloween Party

See article on p1.
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Info: Joan Reefer at 412-243-3411 or sjreefer1@msn.com

Board of Directors 2006-2008 Term · Election Ballot

Regent Square Civic Association (RSCA)

Only members of the Regent Square community who are 18 years old and over and have paid their 2005 RSCA Membership Dues as of 1-October-2005, may vote in this election.

Please note that you have three opportunities to vote: Complete this ballot and

- Mail it in by the 28-November-2005 deadline as instructed on the back of this sheet;
- E-mail your vote to president@regent-square.org (PDF available at www.regent-square.org); or
- Turn in your ballot at the November 7, 2005, RSCA Board Meeting, 7-9PM

The RSCA will accept unsigned ballots submitted in person, but please note that your name must be checked off against the 2005 Membership Roster for your ballot to be accepted. Ballots received after 28-November-2005 cannot be counted.

The RSCA Board of Directors consists of 12 members. RSCA Bylaws permit one-third of the Directors to be elected each year for a three-year term. Provided that votes are cast by a least 10% of the Members, the four individuals receiving the most votes will be elected to the Board for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2006. (You may duplicate this form for multiple voters.)

ELECTION BALLOT – ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

I, _____, (Print first and last name) being a member in good standing of the Regent Square Civic Association hereby vote for the following named persons to serve as Directors for a three-year period from January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2008. I am signaling my selection by checking up to four (4) of the following candidates.

- Cathy Brennan, Edgewood
- George Due, Pittsburgh
- Alina Keebler, Pittsburgh

- Joan Reefer, Pittsburgh
- Carrie Webber, Swissvale
- Write in: _____

(Name, Municipality, Phone)

RSCA Member's Signature

Board Nominees

Cathy Brennan moved to Regent Square in 1999 and bought a house here in 2001. Her mother grew up in Regent Square and she and her father used to walk in Frick Park when they were dating. "I'm very happy in Regent Square and feel very fortunate to be able to live here," she says. "I also love our business district and all it has to offer." After 25 years in the corporate world, Cathy decided to go into business for herself last November, doing marketing consulting work. She currently serves on the board of Metro Family Practice in Wilkinsburg and recently joined the RSCA's Business Network Group.

George Due is a 30-year resident of Regent Square and a member of the RSCA on and off during that time period. George brings experience of 20 years in management, moderator of two Regent Square message boards and skills in feedback techniques to the board. He would like to be a board member because he "knows the importance of teamwork and total involvement.

A 30-year resident, George says he "knows the importance of being a good neighbor."

Alina Keebler and her husband, Dan, have been happy residents of the Square for 27 years. "I can't imagine living anywhere else," says Alina. Working on the Neighborhood Yard Sale brought her to the RSCA four years ago. Soon after, she became a board member and the chairperson of the Membership Committee through which she has been involved with the RSCA Business Network Group, Welcome Booklet revisions, and a Welcome Packet for new residents. As a designer and project manager for TAI+LEE architects, Alina is interested in continuing to work with the RSCA to maintain the unique character of the Regent Square neighborhood and its business district.

Joan Reefer is a 15-year resident of Regent Square in the City of Pittsburgh section. A RSCA member for more than six years, Joan has been a board member for three years, chairing the Events Committee and planning or running the Halloween Party and Easter Egg Hunt, acting as a

Christmas Lighting Contest judge. She is currently Secretary of the board. She brings skills in group facilitation, training, and organizational development to the organization. Joan is interested in "working toward a safer S. Braddock Avenue along the corridor from Forbes to the Parkway."

Carrie Webber is a 5-1/2-year resident of Regent Square's Swissvale portion and has been a RSCA member for more than half that time. Carrie has been an active RSCA volunteer, serving on the Communications Committee, as chair for the Holiday Lighting Contest, and as substitute newsletter editor, and she recently volunteered to serve as the 2006 Yard Sale chairperson. She has served on the Board for Pittsburgh Cares and is co-chair of the PTO at Carriage House Children's Center. When asked why she wants to be on the RSCA Board, Carrie says, "I feel very fortunate to live in a neighborhood that has such a strong sense of community. I would like to utilize my skills, expertise, and time towards furthering the mission of the RSCA and their efforts to maintain and continually build this community."

Submit your ballot by November 28th!

To send in this ballot 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 – Ballot
7604 Charleston Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15218-1265

ATTN: Board Ballot**

**We hope to see you at the
Regent Square Civic Association
Holiday Open House**

Monday, December 5, 2005 · 7:00 PM
at the Wilkins School Community Center
7604 Charleston Street, between S. Braddock and Milton

Come celebrate the season with your neighbors!

Run Around the Square Report

Rain Does Not Dampen Spirits

The 23rd anniversary of the Run Around the Square had a little bit of drizzle, but the rains held off for the spirited runners, walkers and dogs! Saturday, August 27, 2005 had 1,502 registered participants out to enjoy the streets of Regent Square and trails of Frick Park in a morning of fun, sweat, laughter, competition, and community spirit!

Fun Run Walk

The 1.5 Fun Run/Walk sent 334 runners, walkers, strollers and 40 dogs, all donned with their Run Around the Square t-shirts and dog scarves through the neighborhood. Rita's Italian Ice, Eat 'n Park Smiley cookies and Del Monte Pet Division doggie treats for all of the canine entrants, were waiting for all the finishers at the end. A huge thank you goes out to the Pavarota Family who annually has generously allowed the use of their electricity and water for the finish line area. The trains were also running at the finish line and a thank you goes to Janet Moss for sharing with all the children.

Winners of the 1.5 Fun/Run/Walk were:

NAME	SEX	AGE	TIME
OVERALL WINNERS			
George Kelly	Male	10	10:04
Gina Cunningham	Female	12	10:11
REG. SQ. FIRSTS			
Ben Derda	Male	12	10:18
Angela Donatelli	Female	12	10:46

A new addition to the 1.5 Fun Run this year was the awarding of United States Savings Bonds to the top 3 overall Regent Square finishers who were under 13. The following runners were the lucky recipients:

MALES: Ben Derda, Sean Beckford, and Joe Danko.

FEMALES: Angela Donatelli, Katie Wister, and Sarah Blotzer-Miller

These runners were able to redeem their certificates at Regent Square's First Commonwealth Bank on South Braddock Ave.

5K Race

The 5K race activities started with the wonderful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner sung by Regent Square's own Cara Tuckfelt. This led the way for Pittsburgh Mayor, Tom Murphy to shoot the starting pistol for 1,128 to take to the difficult 3.1 mile course.

The winners were:

NAME	SEX	AGE	TIME
OVERALL WINNERS			
Matt Meurer	Male	23	16:37
Larissa Bifano	Female	25	20:15
MASTER DIVISION			
Steve Garand	Male	44	18:27
Sharon Trimmer	Female	43	22:52
REG. SQ. RESIDENTS			
Tom O'Rourke	Male	31	16:55
Karen Byers	Female	39	21:41

As usual, the runners were greeted by the motivational sounds of steel drums, guitars, trumpets, saxophones, violins, and even bagpipes to spur them on. Mike, the Balloon Guy, created balloon hats, Mr. Bill the Magician kept everyone mesmerized, while Kim the Clown entertained the masses. Maureen States, of Neighborhood Realty, raffled off a beautiful doll house, in addition to being an Ironman Sponsor and walking her dog Charlie in the race!

Special Awards

Nine Mystery Runners voted for the best Water Stop. This year's winner was the team of First Commonwealth Bank, Laidlaw-Allstate Insurance and USSD-United Studios of Self Defense. These sponsors certainly went above the call of duty while wearing Roman togas, created and made by First Commonwealth employee John Baker. Their effort, spirit and enthusiasm certainly inspired and quenched the thirst of the runners!

The Mystery Award went to our first international entrant, Henry DeSouza from Brockville, Ontario, Canada. The Most

Enthusiastic Spectator went to Barb Danko who is lucky enough to have both the 1.5 and 5K race go right past her house!

New Technologies

The race is using the wonders of on-line capabilities more and more. Many of the volunteer contacts were made via e-mail this year. A big thank you goes to Cari Marty for handling this huge task. Karen Mathias coordinated the all-volunteer phone call and e-mail lists while tracking specific duties of all volunteers. Karen's time and devotion to this race is unmeasured. This was our second year with on-line registration at the ACTIVE.com website. Our on-line registration has increased dramatically and we hope this trend continues. All mailed-in entries were entered into the database by volunteer Pat DiRienzo. It is an enormous time commitment that we are grateful Pat was willing to take on and do so superbly.

The proceeds from the race go to the Regent Square Civic Association and the Frick Environmental Center. Both the Regent Square Civic Association and the Frick Environmental Center provide programs and activities that enhance the Regent Square neighborhood and our backyard, Frick Park.

Many Thanks

The Race Committee would like to thank all of the very generous Major Ironman Sponsors - Dunning's Grill, Giant Eagle at Edgewood Towne Centre, Citiparks, Del Monte Pet Products, Elite Runners & Walkers, AVIA, First Commonwealth Bank, Randi Heller-Allstate, Buffalo Blues, Neighborhood Realty Services, Allegheny General Hospital, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Comcast, Ghymkhana, Pennsylvania Health & Fitness Magazine, Consumer Produce, East End Food Co-op, Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority, Panera, Regency Cleaners, Clips Salon & Day Spa, McBroom's and D's Six Pax & Dogz, Kathleen Schneider-CPA, The Map Room, Typhoon, Paul Gleason, D.M.D., The Think Tank Group, Regent Square on the Web, Pepsi, and Wise. There were many more sponsors that were listed on the 1,500 race packets. The race could not have happened without their generosity. *(continued on p6.)*

Run Around the Square Report

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Please show your appreciation by using their services or products. Many thanks go to volunteer, Barb Danko and her daughter, Elizabeth, Mary Lou Travers and Lyn Cauley for overseeing the T-shirt distribution to all of the different leveled sponsors.

The Race could never happen without the hundreds (almost 200) of very dedicated and cooperative volunteers! This year's community spirit was again, in full force. The Race Committee is to be commended for, yet again, another successful and well organized race! Their generous time commitment starts in January and continues until race day to plan an event of this magnitude. Race Committee members Kirk Warner, Michele Megarry, Karen Mathias, Barbara Daly-Danko, Pat DiRienzo, Kip Kilpack, Cari Marty, Laurie Moyer, Debbie Caterino, Virginia Linn, Mike Pascal, Deb Waterkotte, Donna Bour, Kathryn Griffin, Barb Peterson, Sylvia Madden, Justin Gutwald, and Brendan & Jackie Laffey are to be commended and thanked for their generous gift of time and devotion! If you would like to be involved with next year's race, call Michele Megarry 412-241-0913 or e-mail at mmegarry@verizon.net. Michele will be stepping down as director due to new commitments, and the race is looking for persons to step up and take on a leadership role. (See *Letter* at right.)

The Race could not be done without the services of the following two groups. Special thanks goes to Phil Costanz of the Frick Environmental Center who is the liaison between the Citiparks services and the Race. Thanks also goes to Dick Wilford and the Frick Park Maintenance crew. The trails, and especially Fern Hollow this year, required many hours of care. Many thanks for the jewel that Frick Park is because of their efforts!

A very special note of thanks goes to Dunning's Grill for being such a runner-friendly neighborhood restaurant. They are very generous to the race in many ways.

Go to www.regentsquare.com to see if you are in the photo gallery that Fred Leff created for the race. Fred also designed the race application on the web that seemed to be an easy source for hundreds of registrants! Check www.regent-square.com or the Regent Square Civic

Association web site www.regent-square.org for photos taken by race photographer, Jim Nagle.

Since 1982, people have been coming from far and wide for this race because of its uniqueness. This is, in no small measure, due to the spirit of the community that makes it so! Thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers, residents and participants that make that happen. ■

A Letter from the Race Director

It has been my honor to serve the Regent Square community as one of the Race Directors for the Run Around the Square for the past ten years, seven of those years in a lead role. Due to new commitments and time constraints, I will be stepping down as the lead coordinator of the race.

I alerted the race committee of this decision this past February as we started to prepare for this past race. At that time, I proposed a "two year leadership" role for the next director and for this person to remain on a third year, as a consultant to the next person who takes on the two year leadership role.

As of this writing we do not have a director for next year's race on Saturday, August 26, 2006. The planning does start in January, so a new director would have to step forward soon. I will be happy to consult and guide the next leader through the ins and outs of the race next year with the help of a race preparation manual which has evolved over the years.

This race is the leading fund raiser for the Regent Square Civic Association and also contributes to the Frick Environmental Center. The most wonderful aspect of the race is that it is run mostly by the 200 volunteers who support it! I am hopeful that at least one Regent Square resident (or maybe two) will step up to the plate to keep the race alive and running. If interested and willing please e-mail mmegarry@verizon.net or call 412-241-0913.

I have faith that the 24th Annual Run Around the Square will take place next August.

*Sincerely,
Michele Megarry*

24th Annual Three Rivers Film Festival

**2005 Three Rivers Film Festival
November 4 - 18**

The 24th Annual Three Rivers Film Festival, presented by Pittsburgh Filmmakers, remains a cultural highlight for Pittsburgh and all of Pennsylvania. The exciting 14 days feature over 45 films: independent American cinema, documentaries, critically acclaimed international films. Check out opening and closing night events, visiting filmmakers, live bands and more.

Films are screened at the:

- **Harris Theater** at 809 Liberty Ave., Downtown;
- **Melwood Screening Room** at 477 Melwood Ave., N. Oakland; and
- **Regent Square Theater** at 1035 S. Braddock Ave.

For more information visit: www.3rff.com or www.pghfilmmakers.org

For film enthusiasts looking to support local film arts, Pittsburgh Filmmakers is seeking volunteers for the Three Rivers Film Festival at the Regent Square Theater and other Pittsburgh Filmmakers' venues. Help greet festival patrons, take tickets, sell passes, hand out surveys, announce films/speakers, put up posters, drive visiting artists around town, facilitate after-the-film discussions and, of course, watch films.

To volunteer or for more info if you live in the Regent Square area: glennen@hotmail.com or contact: volunteer@pghfilmmakers.org or call Volunteer Coordinator at 412-681-5449, M-F/9AM-5PM. ■

Signed Mural Posters

Great Holiday Gifts!

Admire the vivid beauty of Regent Square's landmark mural (at the corner of S. Braddock and W. Hutchinson) with a limited-edition artist-signed print. The full-color print measures 10"x19" and is suitable for framing. Proceeds benefit the artist and the RSCA. Costs are \$33/poster for RSCA members and \$38 for non-members; add \$5 for orders to be mailed outside of Regent Square.

For an order form, send an e-mail to info@regent-square.org or go to www.regent-square.org and click on "Mural Poster" on the home page. ■

The Regent Square Brand

Have Your Say in Regent Square's New "Look"

Have you noticed that great things are happening in Regent Square? New businesses are opening up every day. Old businesses are spreading out. Storefronts are getting shiny new facelifts. And people are sitting at sidewalk tables and enjoying their morning coffees and their evening desserts.

The Regent Square Civic Association (RSCA) has decided that it's time to spread the good news! The RSCA Business Network Group is launching a new marketing initiative that will include developing a "brand" for Regent Square. Just like the Nike "swoosh" and Highmark's blue hand; or New York City's red apple and Geico's gecko, Regent Square will soon have its own distinguishing "look." A brand goes beyond just a logo, though. It encompasses all that Regent Square is, has been and wishes to be to our residents, business owners, non-profit organizations, visitors and customers.

The brand is very simply one's entire Regent Square experience. It's the storefronts and crosswalks; the trees and flowers planted along the sidewalks; and even the flow of traffic on S. Braddock Avenue. All of the perceptions gained during a stop in Regent Square, such as: When a visitor stops to buy a newspaper or a cup of coffee, how easy is it to find a parking spot? Can he get across the street quickly and safely? Does she feel inclined to pop into a cute little shop on her way? And our brand should make an impression on all who pass through The Square on their way to somewhere else. Of course, ideally, we should compel some of the passersby to stay and shop — or eat — a while. Perhaps a few of them will like it so much, they'll want to purchase homes or businesses here!

As a Regent Square resident, business owner (home-based included) or organization, your input will be critical to the success of this exciting project. Please complete the form below and send your responses to RSCA, 7604 Charleston St., 15218 or send an e-mail with your responses to info@regent-square.org today and let your ideas become part of the new Regent Square brand!

Please complete the following form and return it by 14-October to: RSCA, 7604 Charleston St., Pittsburgh 15218 Attn: Brand, or info@regent-square.org

My favorite things about Regent Square are: _____

My least favorite things about Regent Square are: _____

I love living in Regent Square because _____

I would love to see the following things changed/added/eliminated in Regent Square: _____

I wish that _____

(Please feel free to add more lines where needed! We'd like to hear ALL of your ideas!)

Attention Artists & Graphic Designers!

Get in on the New RSCA Branding Initiative

A design charette* is planned for all day Saturday, November 5th. The session will run all day from 9AM until 4PM. If you can't be available the entire day, you're still welcome to attend for as long as your schedule permits.

If you'd like to sign up or would like additional information, please contact Alina Keebler at membership@regent-square.org or call the RSCA at 412-371-2010.

*From Wikipedia...

A design charette is an urban planning technique for consulting with all stakeholders. Charettes are typically intense, possibly multi-day meetings involving municipal officials, developers and local residents. A charette promotes joint ownership of the solution and attempts to diffuse traditional confrontation between residents and developers. A charette can also refer

to any collaborative session in which a group of designers creates a solution to a design problem. While the structure of a charette is highly dependent on the design problem and the individuals in the group, charettes often take place in multiple sessions in which the group divides into subgroups. The work done by these subgroups is then presented to the full group as material for future dialogue. Charettes are used as a way of quickly generating a design solution while integrating the aptitudes and interests of a diverse group of people. ■

Brown Bag Food Collection

Calendar Ensures Needed Foods

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Brown Bag Calendar Food Collection in the month of October. The calendar will specify a food item for every day of the month and all donations will be given to the Wilkesburg Food Pantry for distribution to those in need during Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you would like a Brown Bag Calendar please contact the church office at 412-731-2511. Someone will deliver the brown bag calendar to you and also pick up your food donations on November 5. Please consider supporting this special program. For those who do not want to participate in the Brown Bag Calendar program, but still want to help, you can bring food donations to the church on 5-November and 3-December, 9AM-12PM. ■

Congressman Doyle Presents Check

Repairs to Be Made to Local Historic Building

U.S. Representative Mike Doyle (PA-14) presented a \$97,000 check to the Board of Trustees of the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library and Edgewood Community House in Edgewood in late August.

The building is home to both the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library and the non-profit Edgewood Club. Franklin Toker, the author of *Pittsburgh: An Urban Portrait*, has called the 1918 building designed by Edward B. Lee "a public monument" and "one of the best public buildings in the city."

Congressman Doyle worked successfully to have the funding included in H.R 4818, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005, which provided the money needed to operate a number of federal government agencies this year. The money will come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Economic Development Initiative (EDI). The EDI program, as its name suggests, has the mission of helping communities improve their local economies.

"We are grateful to Congressman Doyle for helping us to maintain the infrastructure of this community building," says Tom Herward, president of the board of trustees of the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library and Edgewood Community House. "All of the work will be done in a manner that is sensitive to the building's historic architecture. We are working with Lami Grubb Architects, a local firm, to implement the repairs and maintain architectural integrity."

Improvements under consideration include replacing windows, restoring masonry, painting the exterior and repairing the main entrance to the building as well as its signature pergola along W. Swissvale Ave.

"The grant directly impacts all of the public events that happen in the building," says Herward. "By having these funds for exterior work, we can continue working to improve programming inside, programs used by residents from throughout the area." ■

Regent Square Classifieds

BUSINESS AND HOME ORGANIZATION

Tina Casale
412-351-7720

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.

NANNY

Donna
412-401-5893 or 412-256-0259
Loving and fun nanny looking for work in the East End area. Clearances, nonsmoker, transportation and references. Part or full time.

SPANISH TEACHER

Cindy Hayko
laprofesora4u@hotmail.com or 412-242-5695
Local teacher available to teach Spanish to groups of preschoolers and their parents; learn along with your kids! Adult classes, too.

TUTOR

Cindy Hayko
laprofesora4u@hotmail.com or 412-242-5695
Available for elementary academic tutoring, and tutoring high school Spanish.

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. ■

Creative Cuisine

New Café Open in the Square

Center for Creative Play™ (CCFP) is pleased to announce the opening of its brand new Creative Cuisine Café. As an all inclusive playspace dedicated to providing play opportunities for children of all abilities and their families, CFCP also aims to address other issues that may interfere with successful child development. The overwhelming rise in childhood obesity, and its catastrophic effects on the physical and social development of children encouraged CFCP to trade in its vending machines for a café that offers diners healthy choices. In addition to the regular menu, chef Paul Hartman prepares fresh daily specials that include soups, salads, wraps, and quiche. The use of a greaseless fryer allows the preparation of traditional favorites such as french fries, chicken fingers, and cheese sticks at up to 50% less fat. Other unique menu selections include fresh fruit smoothies, banana rockets, "apple surprise inside," and "ants on a log."

The Creative Cuisine Café is open to the public and conveniently located just inside the Center for Creative Play at 1400 S. Braddock Ave. ■



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