



RSCA
REGENT SQUARE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The voice of the Regent Square Civic Association (RSCA),
a not-for-profit 501(c)4 volunteer-led community organization,
serving Regent Square's diverse residential and business community.

June/July 2009, Volume 29 Number 3

Join us in July

RSCA Board Meeting, Monday, July 6, 7 p.m. at the Wilkins School Community Center, 7604 Charleston Ave.

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On Your Mark, Get Square, Go!

27th Annual Run Around the Square

Mark your calendars for the 27th annual Run Around the Square 5K and 1.5-mile Fun Run/Walk which will take place on Saturday, Aug. 22. Find out all the details at www.runaroundthesquare.com. The 1.5-mile race is popular among kids because it offers trophies in all age groups. It is part of the Highmark Youth Challenge. This fitness program allows participants ages 6 to 12 who complete one community race and children 13 to 18 who complete two to receive free registration for the Richard Caliguiri City of Pittsburgh Great Race, held the last Saturday in September.

Please note some important changes for this year's race:

1. There will be NO race-day registration on Saturday, Aug. 22. See the chart below for online and walk-in registration deadlines.
2. T-shirts – Only those who register by Aug. 14 (online until midnight Aug. 14 or letters postmarked by that date) will be guaranteed t-shirts. Any registrations received after that date will be treated on first come, first served basis.
3. Pick up your Champion Timing Chip at The START of the RACE in front of the Imagine Environmental School (former Regent Square School) on the corner of Milton and Henrietta. Those failing to return the chip will be charged \$35.
4. Volunteer packets – Please pick up your packets during late registration at Wilkins School Community Center from 6 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 20 or 21. The race committee needs to know you have received your assignment by Friday evening at 8 p.m. If you cannot volunteer, call 412-243-5359 or 412-298-6729.
5. Packet Stuffing will be held Sunday, Aug. 16. It will be split into two, two-hour shifts: 10 a.m. to noon or from noon to 2 p.m. We will be calling on volunteers in June for sign-ups, including packet stuffing. If you are new to the race, please e-mail runaroundthe@yahoo.com

Volunteer Needs:

Labeling – Volunteers are needed the afternoon of Thursday, Aug. 20, to put labels on bibs and sort the T-shirts before late registration begins.

Envelope Stuffing – Volunteers are needed to help stuff envelopes with race applications in June (date to be determined) at the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association, 702 S. Trenton Ave., Wilkinsburg. If you would like to help, please call 412-243-5359. It takes about one hour of your time. Students needing volunteer hours can fulfill those requirements by working for the race, a nonprofit. We are looking for students who can work on computers to update letters or files and to complete other tasks.

Past participants of the race should receive registrations in the mail in June. Stacks of applications also will be available at businesses and libraries in Regent Square, Squirrel Hill and other neighborhoods. You also can register your families and your dog at www.active.com and type in: Run Around the Square 2009. The 1.5-mile event begins at 8:15 a.m., the 5K at 9 a.m.

The earlier you register, the cheaper the fees. Pre-register by Aug 14 and save \$6.00 off the registration fee. Entry fee for the 1.5 mile fun run/ walk is \$12 before Aug. 14 and \$15 thereafter. The 5K run is \$19 before Aug. 14 and \$25 after.

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Business Spotlight:

Glenn Greene's Stained Glass

Local Artist and Store Owner Creates Unique Works of Art

From the transom of McBroom Beer Distributor to the stained glass windows in Waverly Presbyterian Church's front staircase and beyond, Glenn Greene's works are part of the artsy feel of Regent Square. Many are familiar with Greene's sandwich board, which sits along South Braddock Avenue advertising his stained glass studio, but fewer people know that he created McBroom's transom window from bottle bottoms, or that he donated two stained glass windows, original creations decorated with a Frick Park motif, to Waverly Presbyterian Church. Some of his original designs also grace the Honors College at the University of Pittsburgh on the top of the Cathedral of Learning.

Greene's original stained glass artwork, stained glass window reproductions, and antique window restorations accent many homes in the area. He has been practicing his art since he became an apprentice to a stained glass artist 30 years ago.

"You want to be a stained glass artist, kid? Here's a broom," Greene recalled his first mentor saying.

The artist originally worked in a studio in Oakland, moving to in his current studio 13 years ago. Originally built in 1909 as The Frank French Machine Shop, the building located along Guthrie Street is filled with Greene's original artwork, restored antique windows, and various types of stained glass gifts. The studio offers items that are affordable to people of all income levels.

On June 20, Greene held his first self-hosted exhibit of some of his artwork: "The Great 48." The series is a group of 48 stained glass leaded windows, varying in size but related by the fact that they were created in groups of 12 over four months, 12 per month, four years ago.

Greene decided to fabricate the art pieces in a series after finding a crate of empty frames he had. His original works are abstract, combining familiar shapes and abstract forms with antique stained and beveled glass and newer stained glass. The images he creates are somehow familiar, capturing and transforming light, and serving as points of reflection to those viewing them.

While he is renowned for his original artwork, Greene also is well known for the stained glass window reproductions and antique leaded glass window restorations he's created for many local homes. His ability to collaborate with homeowners to create lasting impressions through stained glass is a part of his work that is exceptionally satisfying to him.

"People can come in and talk to me. I really like to do work around here," Greene said. "If you've got an old door that could use leaded glass, talk to me. I've done a bunch of them, and it's a very exciting process."

Annie Stunden, a neighbor of Greene's who lives nearby in Edgewood, commissioned him to create original art glass windows to replace older transom windows in her Queen Anne Cottage style house. "He said, 'I'll design them and you'll love them,'" she recalled.

Greene went to Stunden's house and scoped the place, taking pictures of it from different perspectives, Stunden said, and even took into consideration that she is a quilter and has her quilts around the house. The original creations he made work well with her quilts, as well as with the home's architecture and even a front stone wall.

"He came up with beautiful windows. And they have life to them," Stunden said. "You just have to walk around the neighborhood to see Glenn's creations. Mine are the most colorful, though." ■

Events Calendar

Monday July 6 | 7PM

RSCA Board Meeting

Regular monthly meeting of RSCA Board.

Location: Wilkins School Community Center, 7604 Charleston Ave.

Info: To request an agenda item, call 412-371-2010 or e-mail president@regentsquare-RSCA.org.

Monday Aug. 3 | 7PM

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Saturday Aug. 22

Run Around the Square

Contact: Kathryn Griffin at 412-243-5359 or any committee member at runaroundthesquare@yahoo.com.

Contributions - This edition was edited by Jared Delaney, article collection by Liz Caplan, and layout by Alana Rykala Delaney. Thanks go to community members who contributed articles or information for the newsletter. This month, they include:

- Frick Clay Courts – Jose Mieres
- CC Mellor Update – Greer Mulholland
- Edgewood Garden – James E. Burkett
- WSCC Summer – Andrea McNeill
- Run Around – Kathryn Griffin

The RSCA welcomes the submission of articles and calendar events to this Newsletter. Deadline for submission is the first Monday of each month for the next month's issue. Submission does not guarantee publication. The RSCA reserves the right to decline any submission or to edit it for style, length and/or content. For detailed submission guidelines, visit www.regentsquare-RSCA.org, or email newsletter@regentsquare-RSCA.org or call 371-2010 for a copy.

Frick Park Clay Courts

Volunteers Dedicated to Restoring Historic Frick Park

The Frick Park Clay Court Tennis Club, founded by volunteer tennis enthusiasts in 2007, is dedicated to restoring, maintaining and improving the condition of the historic Frick Park red clay tennis courts. The 124 player member organization has collaborated with the City of Pittsburgh to ensure the future of this unique facility. Membership is open to players of all skill levels as well as to non-player supporters. FPCCTC was recognized as the 2007 Community Tennis Association of the Year by the USTA Allegheny Mountain District, and the FPCCTC co-founder and president, Jose Mieres, was recognized as the 2008 Volunteer of the Year by the USTA Middle States, a tennis organization that spans four states.

Frick Park Red Clay Junior Open – This new tournament will be the first USTA sanctioned competition to be organized by FPCCTC and will feature singles and doubles competition for boys and girls 16 years of age and under. The Junior Open will take place June 30-July 5, 2009.

Paul G. Sullivan Clay Court Championships – Citiparks and FPCCTC will present this well-known tournament for adults. This event, formerly the Pittsburgh Park Championships, is named for the late Paul Sullivan, a Duquesne University graduate and tennis coach who directed it from 1930 to 2001. This annual classic will take place July 11 – 19, 2009. For more information about tennis activities taking place at Frick Park, contact the Frick Park Clay Tennis Club by visit its website at www.clayfricktennis.org and/or email redclayfrick@gmail.com. ■

CC Mellor Library

Summer Reading Programs

Join us for C.C. Mellor Memorial Library's 2009 Summer Reading Programs, "Be Creative @ Your Library" and "Express Yourself @ Your Library."

"Be Creative @ Your Library," for Read to Me participants and independent readers ages 6 and older, runs Monday, June 15 through Aug. 15.

Way Cool Wednesdays, featuring special activities runs Wednesday, June 17 through Aug. 12 for independent readers aged 6 and up. Kids must be members of the Edgewood Summer Reading Club and register ahead of time for the classes. Registration for Way Cool Wednesdays begins Monday, June 15.

Teen Summer Reading, Express Yourself @ Your Library runs Saturday, June 20 through Aug. 15. Special Saturday events for teens will happen throughout the summer reading program. Contact Andrea McNeill at 412-731-0909 for more information. ■

Edgewood Garden Club Walk

Open Up Your Garden

Tiptoe through your tulips? It's a little late for that, but the Edgewood Garden Club would love to peer down upon your petunias, view your viburnum, and take a gander at your gladiolus, as you open your garden gate to us as a participant in the eighth annual Edgewood Garden Club Garden Walk on Sunday, July 12, from 1 to 5 p.m. The Garden Walk is a wonderful way to spend a beautiful summer afternoon socializing with friends, neighbors, and fellow garden enthusiasts, as it has become one of their most successful events. Please call their Garden Acquisition Chairperson Suzan Lami at 412-371-3602 ASAP to register your garden. Then, get ready to cast your peepers upon a cornucopia of colorful and diverse flora by joining them on the Garden Walk. Tickets are \$15 and will be available beginning Monday, June 29, at Le Mix and the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, or by calling 412-241-0480. As always, all proceeds benefit the Edgewood Garden Club's beautification projects throughout the greater Edgewood communities. ■

RUN (continued from front page)

Dog entries will be \$8 until Aug. 14 and \$10 thereafter. Dogs receive a special scarf sponsored by Del Monte foods.

The Race committee would like to thank our 2009 sponsors for their generosity. Thank you to our Major Ironman Sponsors: Nu Go Bars, Del Monte Foods, Elite Runners and Walkers, Dunning's Grill, D's SixPax and Dogz. Look for our complete sponsor list in the next issue. Proceeds from the race will help support the Frick Environmental Center, the Regent Square Civic Association, and Wilkins Community Center. For more information, call 412-422-6562 (press 5) or e-mail Runaoundthesquare@yahoo.com.

This is the last article that will come out before the race. ■

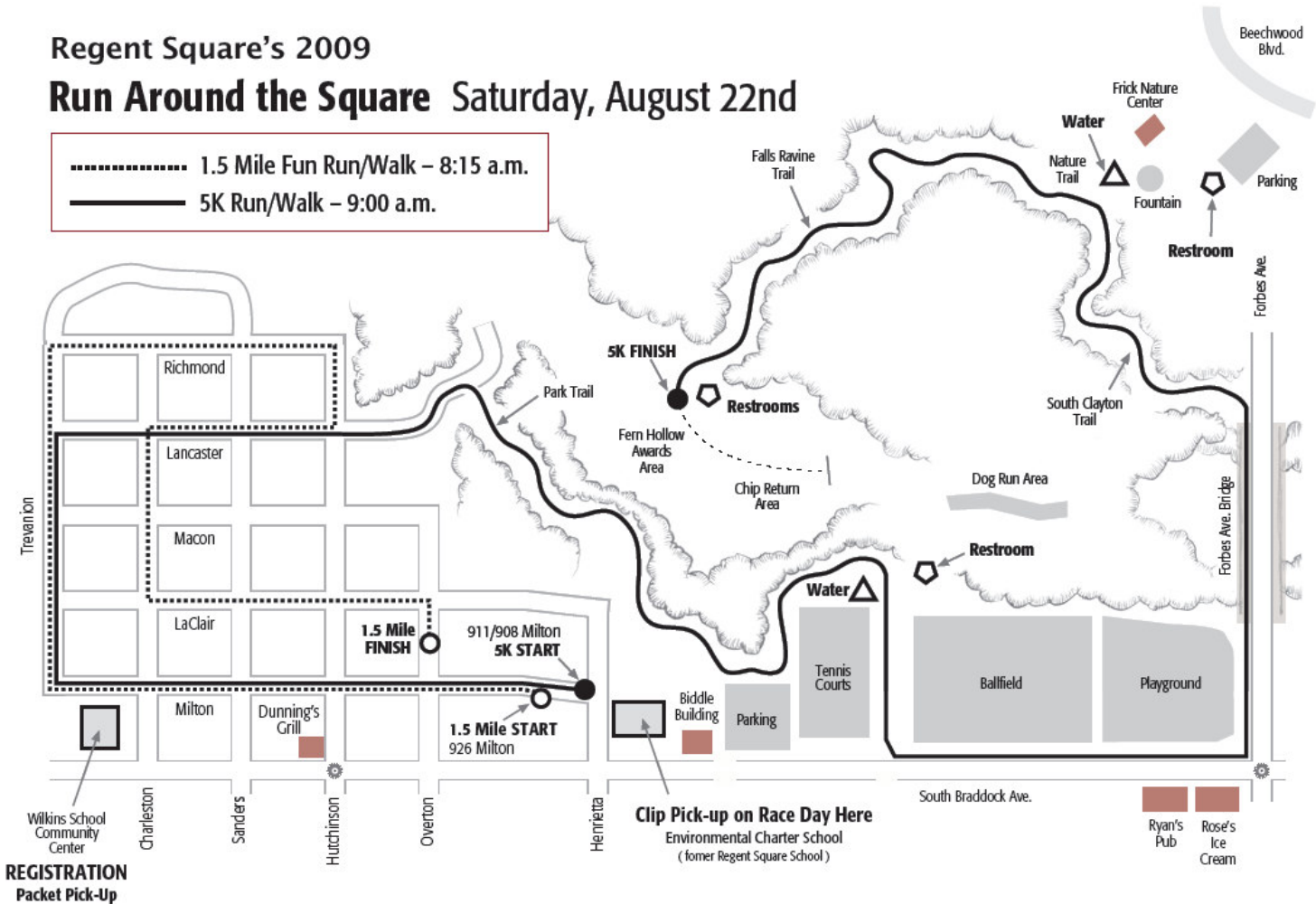
Registration	Deadline	Times
Online	Thursday, Aug. 20 at 11:59 p.m.	24 hours a day
Mail	Friday, Aug. 21	
WSCC	Thursday, Aug. 20 and Friday, Aug. 21	6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Regent Square's 2009

Run Around the Square Saturday, August 22nd

----- 1.5 Mile Fun Run/Walk – 8:15 a.m.

———— 5K Run/Walk – 9:00 a.m.



REGISTRATION
Packet Pick-Up

Summer News from the WSCC

Classes For Everyone of All Ages

American Kids Camp will return this summer the first week of August and will be under the direction of Maura McCool. More information will soon be available. There are new classes for the summer and many other favorites will continue for much of the summer. Here is a partial listing of things you do not want to miss:

Debbie Buff's Continuing Yoga: Tuesdays, June and July, 7-8:30 p.m., \$45 or \$10 drop in.

Debbie Buff's Beginning Yoga: Fridays, June and July, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$45 or \$10 drop in.

Cardio Hip Hop: Wednesdays, June and July, 6-7 p.m. \$6 drop in.

T'ai Chi Ch'uan: Beginners welcome, Mondays at 12:15 p.m., Thursdays at 10:15 a.m., Thursdays 7:30 p.m. Complete schedule at swartztaichi.com, tuition is \$120/10 week session (one class/week). To register for classes call Stan and Patty Swartz at 412-421-8580 and visit www.swartztaichi.com.

Karate: Mondays and Tuesdays, Beginner's Class (Kids 8 & up) 6:00-7:15 p.m.; Adults: 7:15-8:30 p.m.. To register, or for more information, contact Kevin Terry at 412-370-4696 or karatekevin10007@cs.com.

Empower Flow Yoga (New Class): Sundays, May 10, 17, 24, 31, 9:30-10:45 a.m., \$10 per class. To register visit yogadogstudio.com, yogadog@gmail.com, 412-302-3885.

Egyptian (Oriental) Style Belly Dance: Monday 7-8:15 p.m. \$65 or \$45 for a four-class card. Please contact Nawal at mianor@aol.com or telephone 412-298-6871 to sign up for this class. Classes begin June 1.

Aikido Kokikai: Monday and Wednesday, 8:15-9:30 p.m., Saturday by appointment, \$40.00 per month, \$105 for the summer. For more information or to register brlitt@gmail.com or 412-421-0454.

For more information about the center and its programs, please check their website at www.wscppgh.org. You can also contact us by e-mail, wscppgh@yahoo.com or phone, 412-244-8458. They hope to see you at the center. ■