



**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.

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## Join us in April

RSCA Board Meeting, April 5,  
2010 at the Wilkins School Com-  
munity Center, 7604 Charleston  
Ave.

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## Do You Enjoy The Newsletter?

### Regent Square Civic Association

If you are like most Regent Square residents, you enjoy the newsletter and want it to continue. Publishing the newsletter requires effort from many people -- writers, proofreaders, editors, printers, delivery people, etc. We have a crisis and we hope someone from the community can help. Sadly, we are losing our long time layout person who is moving so we need a replacement.

What's involved? Could you be our next layout person??

The newsletter comes out 10 times a year. There is one every month except for the Jan/Feb edition and a double edition in the summer.

The "layout person" takes the edited articles from the editor and inserts the articles into the word template (basic knowledge of Word would help the learning process).

Once the draft is complete (it usually takes 2-3 hours) you send the draft to the communication chair for approval.

After the newsletter is approved, you send the final PDF copy out to the printers and the newspaper distribution person, the website person and the board chairs. It takes about 5 hours a month once you are familiar with the procedure and you get into a routine. The current layout person, Alana Rykala Delaney and her husband, Jared have done an excellent job for 5 years so we will miss them. But they are moving at the end of the month so we need someone new. If you choose to do the newsletter Alana will meet with you and the editor and talk about the procedures that seemed to work for the current "team".

Please contact [contact@regentsquare-rsca.org](mailto:contact@regentsquare-rsca.org) or call 412-371-2010 if you're interested. ■

## Yard Sale Needs Chairperson

The much-loved neighborhood yard sale is in need of a chairperson. Former chairs Joan Reefer and Melissa McDonough are ready to pass the torch after several years of successful leadership.

The date of the sale is Saturday, May 15. Please consider chairing this popular event on behalf of the neighborhood. Assistance will be provided in the form of board support, past chairperson support, to-do lists, schedules and contact information. The yard sale will also need general volunteers to publicize the event, deliver information, hang signs, staff the information booth and remove signs.

Please contact a board member, send an email to [contact@regentsquare-rsca.org](mailto:contact@regentsquare-rsca.org) or call 412-371-2010 for more information. ■

# 2010 Volunteers Needed

## How Would You Like to Help?

Help make your neighborhood even stronger by lending a hand. Join one of the many activities hosted by the Civic Association or present an idea of your own.

The community is currently seeking a Yard Sale Chairperson, Newsletter Layout Person, Easter Egg Chair for 2011, assistance with safety initiatives or a block watch, support with grant pursuits and writing, marketing and more.

The RSCA Board of Directors appreciates new ideas and welcomes input from the community.

Thanks in advance for your 2010 participation. ■

## The 2010 Regent Square Civic Association Board of Directors

### New Board Members

The Regent Square Civic Association added five members to the board this year. According to the by-laws, the board can appoint members to a one-year term. The board elected to invite Nancy Drew, Donna Bour, Maureen States and Carrie Rose to join the board. The board now consists of 9 members including the aforementioned appointees, Andrew Lang, Carrie Webber, Kathie Meyers, Kathryn Griffin, Neal Harrison. If you are interested in serving on the board or nominating someone to serve on the board, please send an email to [contact@regentsquare-rsca.org](mailto:contact@regentsquare-rsca.org) or call 412-371-2010. ■

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Volunteers- Carrie Webber

Business District Improvements- Andrew Lang

Egg Hunt- Carrie Webber

Race- Kathryn Griffin

Film Festival- Andrew Swenson

Energy Efficiency- Alina Keebler

Membership- Carrie Webber

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UCP- Jeff Parker

Clay Courts- Joes Mieres

Board- Carrie Webber

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](http://www.regentsquare-RSCA.org), or email [newsletter@regentsquare-RSCA.org](mailto:newsletter@regentsquare-RSCA.org) or call 371-2010 for a copy.

# Braddock Avenue Business District Enhancements

## Installation of New Trash Cans

In previous newsletters, we told you about how the RSCA had been looking for ways to help enhance the already charming curb appeal of the Braddock Avenue business district. After much time, effort and brainstorming, we decided to install new trash cans along the Braddock Avenue.

During the second half of 2009, the RSCA worked with the trash can manufacturer and the boroughs of Edgewood and Swissvale to move ahead with the project.

We now have three of the new receptacles placed on the Swissvale side of the Square. (The three cans on the Edgewood side will be installed after the weather breaks.)

The cans were purchased from Forms+Surfaces, a company that manufactures products for public spaces. It has offices in Etna, PA., as well as in California, Dubai and Singapore. These cans from the company's "Urban Renaissance" line, are manufactured with 80 percent recycled stainless steel and painted with a durable powder coat finish. They feature the Regent Square logo on one side, and either the Swissvale or Edgewood logo on the other.

The RSCA would like to thank the following people for this effort:

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, for providing the grant money that made this project possible.

Patricia Tsagaris of Pinkhaus Design Communications, whose design expertise was invaluable in preparing the logo artwork for the cans.

The Regent Square Business Group for facilitating the effort to choose the cans and for connecting us with Patricia from Pinkhaus Design Communications.

The boroughs of Edgewood and Swissvale (namely Warren Cecconi and Carmine Russo, respectively) for being our primary contacts throughout the process.

We hope that you enjoy the coordinating design of the new trash cans -- and, of course, use them to keep the Regent Square business district clean and charming. ■

## Easter Egg Party Hunts for Chair

### Canceled this year, planning for next year

Due to the weather and the quickly approaching holiday, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt is canceled for this year. But the RSCA would like to continue this well loved tradition next year. In order to do so, we need a chairperson to plan and execute the event next year. In the past several years, two chair people shared the job but their children are grown and they decided to pass the torch. The planning is relatively simple and the past organizers have many things to pass on to the new organizers such as the bunny suit, eggs and goodie bag items. Please contact [contact@regentsquare-rsca.org](mailto:contact@regentsquare-rsca.org) or call 412-371-2010 if you're interested in helping to continue this popular children's activity. ■

# Planning for Run Around the Square Race!!

## At the Starting Line - Disposable Chips, Improved Registration- Among Changes

While we all dig out from "Snowmageddon," the non-profit Run Around the Square Race committee is looking ahead toward warmer months as it prepares for the 28th annual 5K and 1.5-mile Fun Run and Walk. The sponsorship drive already is under way for the Saturday, Aug. 28 event that will bring improvements and changes from past years. Joining the committee this year are Regent Square neighbors Ann Hornack Gaul, who is taking over sponsorship efforts, and Loretta Hurley, who will oversee the recruitment and assignment of at least 200 volunteers. They join Mike Pascal, Pat DiRienzo, Kip Kilpack, Chris Powell, Donna Bour, Virginia Linn, Brendan Laffey, Neal Harrison, Nicole and Mitch Paterline, Elizabeth Mullaugh and Race Director Kathryn Griffin in planning the event.

Among the changes to the race that draws more than 1,500 participants each year, the committee will distribute disposable timing chips. Although these will increase registration fees by a nominal amount, they will make the experience much more convenient and will remove the worry about the need to return the chips or face a \$35 replacement fee.

In addition, online and onsite registration at the Wilkins School Community Center on Charleston Street will be improved and more portable toilets will be added to the starting line area.

Among the highlights of the event are the many entertainers stationed along the two race courses. This year, we're looking for musicians of all ages from the Square to help entertain the participants. (In particular, we'd love to find musicians who play the accordion or banjo to bring variety in the offered entertainment). Anyone who would like to play for the

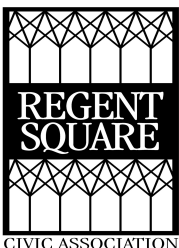
participants should contact Virginia Linn at [r.m.linn@verizon.net](mailto:r.m.linn@verizon.net).

As always we're looking for new volunteers to keep this race vibrant and running smoothly. Help is needed during the months leading up to the race, as well as on race day and afterward. Because we're a nonprofit, we can sign forms for students who are required to volunteer as part of their school requirements. The race also could be a good project for sororities and fraternities or other groups. As a special thank you, a party will be held for volunteers at the end of the year.

If you'd like to lend a hand, please contact Kathryn Griffin at 412-243-5359 or any committee members at [runaroundthesquare@yahoo.com](mailto:runaroundthesquare@yahoo.com).

Also, if you'd like to support the race with a monetary or in-kind sponsorship, let us know by sending an e-mail to the same address. Sponsorship commitments are due by mid-March.

Thank you all for supporting the Run Around the Square!



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# Three Rivers Film Fest

## *Theater Improvements Make Viewing More Enjoyable*

Pittsburgh Filmmakers has been celebrating Oscar season by showing a host of Oscar nominees and winners in February and March. We hope that you were able to catch the Oscar-nominated shorts -- a great opportunity to see every nominee in one category all in one night!

Filmmakers would like to thank the Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD) for making your viewing experience more comfortable. Thanks to a generous RAD grant, new heating was installed at the theater in December. This improvement is part of our ongoing capital upgrades at the theater, and we are working on continuing efforts in 2010.

Finally, Filmmakers extends its heartfelt gratitude to all our neighbors for supporting the 2009 Three Rivers Film Festival. The festival once again set records for attendance, and your patronage and volunteer contributions have been a vital part of that growth. ■

## New Fence & Exhibition Court for the Frick Clay in 2010

### And Call For New Photos

The historic Frick Park clay tennis courts will have a new look for the coming 2010 Season. More precisely, it's the way to enjoy the beauty of the courts and spirit of the sport that will see a dramatic improvement. Last fall, Pittsburgh Parks and Recreation, funded by the Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD), replaced the old fencing around the courts and made improvements proposed by the Frick Park Clay Court Tennis Club (FPCCTC). The non-profit players organization proposed creating a new spectator viewing area for exhibition matches, as well as adding more player and service gates. The project was completed by the contractor, Allegheny Fence of Hazelwood, in December 2009. A photo journal of the work is available online: <http://www.clayfricktennis.org/Fence.html>

FPCCTC is also partnering with RSCA to conduct a survey of Regent Square neighbors and Frick Park users -- in an upcoming newsletter as well as online -- to develop a Master Design and Development Plan for the tennis courts and facilities. Public comments and suggestions on improvements to the tennis courts, facilities, as well as programming for all ages and abilities, are also welcome at any time by e-mailing the club at: [redclayfrick@gmail.com](mailto:redclayfrick@gmail.com) or by writing to the club at: FPCCTC, P.O. BOX 81805, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

FPCCTC is an incorporated, 501(c)4, non-profit and volunteer-based organization dedicated to the revitalization, maintenance and improvement of the Frick Park Clay Courts, as well as to supporting the sport of tennis in the City. Founded by volunteer players in June 2007, it now has more than 150 active player members. It is also sponsored by local businesses as well as private individuals. The 2010 Red Clay Season is scheduled to begin, weather permitting with the Court Opening Event and Volunteer and Photo Awards on Friday, April 23, 2010.

**CALL FOR PHOTOS:** Photo submissions eligible for awards and local exhibition will be accepted until March 15, 2010. They should include photos taken at or around the clay courts during 2009 as well as yet unsubmitted photos of previous seasons. Historic photos of the Frick Clay Courts are also been sought.

To view the 2010 Red Clay Calendar, to signup as a player member or supporter, to sponsor, and for information about upcoming clinics, leagues and tournaments, please visit their website at [www.clayfricktennis.org](http://www.clayfricktennis.org) ■

# 2010 Membership

## Regent Square Civic Association

Regent Square is a true neighborhood with great community activities, a thriving business district, safe places to walk and play and beautiful trees. The RSCA is a driving force behind this community and we ask that you support our efforts by becoming a member for the 2010 calendar year.

The RSCA membership dues enable us to: print the newsletter, maintain the RSCA website, organize the annual yard sale, obtain grants for community improvements, install improvements (such as the recently installed trash cans along South Braddock), host children's activities, create and deliver a Welcome Packet, improve safety, provide neighborhood-specific input at zoning meetings and more.

These activities and so many more create the type of neighborhood in which you want to live, so please help the RSCA by once again joining as a member for 2010.

Help make your neighborhood even stronger by lending a hand. Join one of the many activities hosted by the Civic Association or present an idea of your own. If you have questions or comments please contact us at [contact@regentsquare-rsca.org](mailto:contact@regentsquare-rsca.org).

Thanks in advance for your 2010 membership. ■

## Become a 2010 Member of the RSCA!

Support the efforts of the RSCA through your dues and/or a donation of your choice. Please send in this form with your check (payable to RSCA) to: RSCA Membership, 7604 Charleston Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15218

# of residents \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each

*Membership is per person*

\_\_\_\_\_ Business @ \$25 ea.

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Add me to the RSCA E-mail List

Contact me to discuss or volunteer for \_\_\_\_\_

Accept this donation in the amount of  \$10.00  \$25.00  \$40.00  Other

- 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 info: 412-371-2010 or [membership@regent-square.org](mailto:membership@regent-square.org)

## New Hair Salon

Brings International Flair to Regent Square Focus is on hair colors and design

The Salon is a color and design studio created by Richard Berezna and Leonidas Vogiatzis. They're really pleased with their move to 1139 S. Braddock Ave. in Regent Square after operating for 14 years in Shadyside. They specialize in hair colors that flatter skin tone and eye color. They're also experts with haircuts and finishes that make the most of the hair.

Richard, a Pittsburgh native, is a Hall of Fame Designer with 30 years of experience. He spent 5 years working in New York City as a hair designer for Saks Fifth Avenue as a member of its national training team. He continuously educates himself with training throughout the United States, Canada, France, Italy, Spain and England.

Richard's belief is that we all have what he calls a "color zone." We can make our hair light or dark, etc, but if we go outside of our color zone, we start to fight our skin tone and eye color.

Leonidas, a native of Athens, Greece, brings his European business sense to a complete hair care line of Aveda products. The Regent Square community has responded well to this ecologically minded product line.

The Salon is open two evenings -- Tuesdays and Wednesdays -- and is open Thursdays and Fridays until 5 p.m. and Saturdays until 3 p.m.

For appointments and a list of services, call 412-244-8881.

## UCP/CLASS

A Prospective New Neighbor for Regent Square at Center for Creative Play building

The United Cerebral Palsy's Community Living and Support Services on Jan. 5 signed a sales agreement to purchase the former Center for Creative Play building. It is now embarking on a plan to renovate and to soon call 1400 South Braddock Avenue home.

UCP/CLASS has had a long-standing presence in Pittsburgh. It was founded in 1951 by family members interested in seeing their sons/daughters who had disabilities have more options and community opportunities. Over the years the organization has grown and developed, but that basic goal still remains and is embodied in the current organizational vision -- "working toward a community where each belongs."

Today, UCP/CLASS is a strong, vibrant organization with an annual budget of \$32 million and a staff of 700 employees. It serves 3,000 men, women, children and their families in Allegheny and Erie counties who have all types of disabilities. Services range from attendant care, residential supports, skill building opportunities, advocacy, community building and service coordination.

As UCP/CLASS has grown, its headquarters at 4638 Centre Ave. in Oakland has expanded its services to a number of satellite offices. The organization hopes to centralize all these programs using its Oakland office called Centre Services and its new location on South Braddock Avenue which it has dubbed Center II.

Because of its location adjacent to the Parkway East, the Braddock site will serve as the organization's main base for outreach. Just as the Oakland office serves as a community center available to local groups to use for meetings, events and public elections, UCP/CLASS plans for its Center II to provide important, accessible space for Regent Square and the community at large.

Over the years, UCP/CLASS has become an international leader at the cutting edge of programs and supports for people with disabilities. Chief Executive Officer Al Condeluci said he hopes the purchase and renovation of the new site will allow UCP/CLASS to continue to play an international leadership role in disability and inclusive community issues and at the same time will honor the investment in human services made previously in the space by the Center for Creative Play.

Anyone interested in learning more from UCP/CLASS can contact Jeff Parker, HR Director at 412-683-7100 x2140 or Ron Ruppen, Facilities Coordinator at 412-683 7100 x2156. ■

# Energy Efficiency Workshop

## Adding comfort to your home and value to your community

Eastern area neighborhoods are once again partnering with the Community Design Center of Pittsburgh to put on another free workshop for homeowners interested in improving the value of their homes. It will be held 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Mifflin Ave. United Methodist Church, 905 Mifflin, Ave., at corner of Whiney Ave. This year's workshop will look at making homes more energy efficient. Presenters, all experts in their fields, will provide information on energy efficiency and your house; doing it yourself; getting professional help; other sources of energy; incentives, tax credits and rebates; project planning; and keeping it in style.

At the workshops, presentations will be made from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and will be followed by an open time for participants to talk with the presenters and others from the organizations they represent.

In addition, volunteer architects from the Community Design Center of Pittsburgh will offer a limited number of individual, free "mini-consultations" on selecting the proper windows and doors for your home. So, bring pictures of the outside of your home to show them.

Look for more information on flyers that will be posted around the area, check the RSCA website calendar or contact [info@parkplaceblog.com](mailto:info@parkplaceblog.com).

Save the date, and see you there! ■