



The PARKSIDER

FUN AND INFORMED NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Parkside Elementary Kids Heart Health Challenge

Written by Parkside Elementary students.

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APRIL BOROUGH CALENDAR

Special Events

Egg Dying: 8th @ 6-8PM
E-Waste/Shredding: 9th @ 9AM-12PM
Egg Hunt: 9th @ 2:00PM

Council Meeting

20th @ 7:00PM

Recreation Committee Meeting

6th @ 6:00PM

Communications Committee Meeting

19th @ 6:30PM

Trash Pickup

1st, 5th, 8th, 12th, 15th, 19th, 22nd, 26th, 29th

Recycling

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Bulk Trash Pickup

29th (3 Items)



Happy Easter

Egg Dying
Friday, April 8th 6-8pm
Fire Hall
Pretzels & Juice, Photo Ops for pictures

Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 9th 2pm
Woodlot
(Age categories 1-3, 4-7, 8-12), Golden egg prizes



Parkside Borough Junior Council Program

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Kids Heart Health Challenge

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My Experience of the Kids Heart Challenge

By: Kayleigh Doyle

Hi! My name is Macie and I interviewed Mr. J about a couple things and want to share them with you. The first thing I asked him was, what was your favorite station at Kids Heart Challenge? And he answered, "Rope Climb." After that I asked him What his favorite activity to teach is and why? Mr. J answered, "Floor Hockey because I am very passionate about Hockey." The next question I came up with was, what is his favorite thing about Parkside? He replied, "The size because it's small so the teachers can build a better relationship with the students." The fourth thing I asked him was if he was ever a Physical education teacher before coming to Parkside, he

said, "Yes." After the Kids Heart challenge, I was wondering what his favorite thing about the American Heart Association is. Mr. J answered, "Their mission to advocate for healthy living and how it affects the mindset of students all around." The last question I wanted to ask him was what he likes to do in his free time. Some students might know two out of the three things he said but the third might surprise you. Mr. J said, "Either at a hockey rink, at the track at Sun Valley, or at the shore with my family." These questions helped me learn a lot about Mr. J. Did you learn something new too?

This year for the Kids Heart Challenge we raised \$5,600.76. The FUNdraiser is a fun way to raise money and educate the students about heart health. My experience was the best I've had yet! My team and I had a blast at the rope climbing challenge! My team was me, Alex, Milani and Evan. We really liked the rope climbing challenge. Sadly, I didn't get to the yellow tape. The FUNdraiser was a success! All the kids and even the adults had fun! The kids' heart challenge helped me want to stay active, so I have a healthy heart.

Parkside Local Business Spotlight: Crilly's Car Cures

Mike and Kim Crilly met when they were in 9th grade attending Brookhaven Junior High (now The Christian Academy). While attending Sun Valley High School, they began earning money fixing cars after school out of their garage and eventually scraped together enough money to purchase and restore the run-down building at the corner of E. Elbon and Edgmont Avenue, which had previously been Malloy's Garage. They were 28 and 27 years old when they opened the doors on March 22, 1989.

As the years went on they expanded, building the bays and buying the building on the corner of E. Forrestview and Edgmont.

Some may remember it as Shull's Candy Store before it was JD Draperies. They also purchased the land across the street from the shop, planning to expand further, but instead sold it to the borough to be developed into the veteran's memorial park on Edgmont.

Crilly's has been in business for 33 years and Mike and Kim have watched Parkside residents grow up as they attended the elementary school. Kim has been listed as the emergency contact for the school to call for many children over the years. Their daughter, Ashlyn, attended Parkside Elementary and has two sons of her own, ages 6 and 4.



Tim Shepard, their technician, pictured on the right, grew up on Elbon and has worked for the Crilly's for 18 years. They have maintained, inspected, and repaired cars for more than a generation of Parkside residents. You can't beat the convenience

of dropping off your car and being able to walk home in a few minutes and Mike, Kim and the staff are always kind and knowledgeable. If you have never been in the shop, stop in and say, "Hi". Kim is always there with a big smile.



Parkside Pet Corner : Marshall Erikson

By Jude Saunders

Welcome to the bowl of Marshall Erikson, an always beloved and sometimes abandoned (when she heads off to college) pet of resident, Sam Saunders. Marshall is a Japanese Fighting Fish (also known as a Beta Fish), named after Marshall from How I Met Your Mother. He lives alone in his tank as Beta Fish are territorial and live up to the fight in their name. Sometimes he keeps the company of snails, but he has outlived those sometimes companions and now rules his kingdom alone. We think that's the way he prefers it, and we like to think he had nothing to do with the snails' untimely demises.

He doesn't get lonely but given the size of his tank, it is easy for him to get bored which is why Sam has chosen to brighten up his space with a renovated party theme. His octopus statue is his current favorite and he can often be found weaving his way through his tentacles. Beta Fish can recognize their human family and respond by dancing along the glass of their tank to get their

attention. Marshall responds if you trail your fingers along the glass and will follow the motion.

A few weeks ago, Marshall was looking and acting lethargic, and we thought we might need to transfer him from one bowl to another, if you take our meaning. Luckily for us, it only took a quick trip to the local pet store and a treatment or two for bacterial infection of the fins to get him back in his normal frisky, fishy mood. We have every confidence he'll live a long (for a fish) life now.

Parkside Pet Corner will be a monthly feature on this newsletter, and we would love to bring notoriety and fame to all the Parkside pets and their human families. If you would like to make your pet famous (or infamous), please email saunders.judith.e@gmail.com.



MURDERVILLE

Will Arnett (*Arrested Development*) stars in *Murderville*, the American version of the British series, *Murder in Successville*. The show uses a combination of clever scripting and improvisation as a celebrity, who was not given a script, attempts to solve a murder mystery using the clues they gather as they play Will Arnett's new partner.

As Detective Terry Seattle, Arnett guides each new partner as they investigate the murder scene and gather clues from three suspects to determine who they believe committed the murder. Arnett is joined by a talented cast of regulars as they tell the narrative that overarches the six episodes in this series.

The guest stars who portray Seattle's partner are Conan O'Brien, Marshawn Lynch, Kumail Nanjiani, Annie Murphy, Sharon Stone, and Ken Jeong. For me, the standout star in this series is Marshawn Lynch, the former Seattle Seahawks running back who famously replied to every post-game interview question with, "I'm just here so I won't get fined," or something similar after being fined for refusing to speak to the media.

BROOKHAVEN & PARKSIDE

E-WASTE & SHREDDING EVENT



Saturday, April 9th | 9am - 12pm

Free to all residents

Must show ID

Anything with a cord will be accepted.

Please do not mix your electronics with your shredding in the same bags.

For shredding, please no plastic bags, binder clips, or folders with metal.

Coeburn Elementary School Parking Lot

1 Coeburn Blvd. | Brookhaven, PA 19015

A Parkside Movie Review

The show contains some language that would not be allowed during prime-time network shows, but I found it appropriate for my teens and we watched it as a family, one episode each day. It is repetitive enough that it may not be good for bingeing. We laughed a lot and enjoyed discussing the clues we were given along the way to see who could correctly identify the murderer.

Having been a fan of the British show, "Whose Line is It Anyway", and the American version with Drew Carey, I eagerly anticipated the release of *Murderville*. Since watching it, I have recommended this show to my friends and am hopeful that Netflix will produce more episodes. And, while it was fun watching how mega-actress Sharon Stone handled the unpredictability of the show, some episodes fell flatter than others because not all celebrities are well-suited for improv. Calling Colin Mochrie, Wayne Brady and Ryan Stiles!



The Batman is dark, and I do mean dark. From the first strains of the opening song by Nirvana to the new storyline, to the costuming, to the cinematography but that's okay because Batman is supposed to be dark and brooding. The darker tone strikes a hard chord and follows it unrelenting throughout the film.

There are a couple of twists and changes here with the narrative but anyone who has followed the cannon of the Batman's mythology knows that is nothing the Bat can't handle. These changes, some subtle and some less so, work to flush out the story beautifully. Bruce Wayne as an orphan is highlighted here in a way it seldom has before. The trauma of

his parents' death is more prominently displayed than any other incarnation. It feels true to the story and what he would eventually become. The philanthropic playboy by day and winged vigilante by night felt stale the last go around and this take with its intimate understanding of trauma is better suited for our hero.

The fight scenes are choreographed in brilliant and brutal fashion and play out against the desperation of the city of Gotham. Robert Pattinson steps into the costume and wears it well. He acts by reacting and this too, works. His chemistry with Zoe Kravitz, as Cat Woman, is palpable but it is his chemistry with Andy Serkis as Alfred that pulls on heartstrings.

Colin Farrell all but disappears into the guise of the Penguin as the Penguin disappears into the seedy underground of yet to surge forward villains. Jeffrey Wright as James Gordon works as the moral compass of the piece and his struggle with clawing his way free of corruption all around him is nothing short of a morality tale.

As to our villain, the Riddler, Paul Dano, steps into the spotlight as a necessary and welcome change from a constant rehashing of the Joker. He is the unsung antagonist of the piece, charting out serial killings like he is leaving breadcrumbs without ever completely tipping his hand. It makes for a compelling mystery and since the director Matt

Reeves has peopled the landscape with would be villains, you spend the entire time searching the screen for him without ever finding him.

This is a beautifully filmed, cohesive re-telling of a mythic hero and I would say one of the best Superhero movies of recent telling. And I say about time. DC surges forward on this one and shows itself as a worthy contender to the Marvel Superhero universe. This is a movie that I will re-watch, purchase for my collection and probably buy a few action figures from. Highly recommend for any serious Batman fan.

Volunteer To Help The Youth

Center for Resolutions is seeking volunteers to serve on the Youth Aid Panel working with first time juvenile offenders. Volunteers will be screened by the police and receive 8 hours of training over 4 evenings. The panel typically meets once a month where members review cases and assign resolutions.

Chief Murray proposed in the March council meeting that

Parkside partner with the already established program in Brookhaven and the council unanimously agreed. If you are 18 years of age you can find more information and sign up to volunteer at <https://www.center4resolutions.org/rem-youth-aid-panel-services/> or by emailing Info@center4resolutions.org or calling (610) 566-7710.





Spring Awakens with Color

In early March, before the buds begin to emerge on the bare branches of trees, crocuses, daffodils, hyacinths and tulips bloom. Yellow, pink, blue, and white flowers bring hope that winter is nearly over, and spring is on the horizon.

The following plants will grow for more than one year, although some, like daffodils, will come back stronger and in greater numbers, while others, like tulips, may fade, growing smaller each year until they don't grow back at all. With all of these, you can cut the flowers but you should not remove the leaves until they completely wither as the nutrients need to return to the bulb so the plant can grow again in the spring.

Crocuses are the earliest to bloom and

can be blue, pink, orange and more colors. They look great in the front of a bed or in your lawn. When they develop into clumps, you can dig them up, divide them, and replant or share them with your neighbors.

Daffodils typically are yellow or white but can also be pink or orange, can have one or two colors, and come in a wide variety of sizes. Different types bloom at various times throughout the summer so you can have blooms for months. They multiply quickly over the years and should be divided when the clumps get thick.

Hyacinths come in a wide variety of colors, including blue, which contrasts the yellow of daffodils beautifully in the

garden. They have a strong, sweet fragrance, so they are lovely to have potted indoors or planted near an entrance.

Tulips come in nearly every color you could imagine and there are numerous varieties. Some can grow to 4 foot tall! They make a colorful impact in the garden but tend to fade over the years, so they need to be replaced.

Spring bulbs are typically shipped to arrive for planting in the fall, but you can put the plants in your garden now for your enjoyment today and for years to come. I like to get the plants when they are discounted after Easter, put them in the garden, and forget all about them until I am pleasantly surprised in the spring!

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“Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person.”

Mister Rogers

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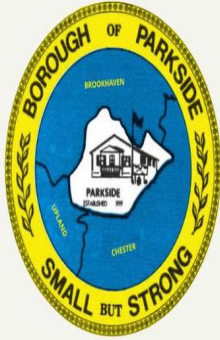
Good Neighbor Awards

The Parkside Borough Communications Committee invites you to celebrate and express your gratitude for those neighbors who help make Parkside feel like home. Nominations can be submitted online via the Parkside Borough website or can be submitted using the nomination forms located at the borough office.

So what is a good neighbor? Besides lending you a cup of sugar, you can always count on a good neighbor to be kind, courteous and follow the golden

rule: treating others as they'd like to be treated. They smile and say hello when you see them. Your neighborhood feels safer for your children knowing your good neighbors are always looking out for them. Good neighbors are mindful of how much noise they make and pick up the garbage strewn about after windy days. Most importantly, good neighbors approach you respectfully to resolve conflicts when they arise - after all, it is impossible to avoid conflict when we all live so close to each other.

PARKSIDE BOROUGH JUNIOR COUNCIL PROGRAM



ARE YOU A PARKSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT WHO WANTS TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

*APPLY FOR OUR JUNIOR
COUNCIL PROGRAM!*

JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- PARTICIPATE IN MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETINGS
- WORK WITH BOROUGH COUNCIL TO ADDRESS NEEDS IN OUR BOROUGH
- DEVELOP PROJECTS BASED ON INTERESTS & TALENTS

APPLICATIONS DUE MON. 5/30



APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND AT
WWW.PARKSIDEBOROUGH.COM

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT MCOSTIGAN@PARKSIDEBOROUGH.COM

Kids Say the Darndest Things

By Michael Costigan

This month, I asked my students, "What are your Spring Break plans?" Here are their responses:

- "VISIT FAMILY."
- "GO OUTSIDE."
- "GO SHOPPING AT THE MALL."
- "START RIDING MY BIKE."
- "EAT, SLEEP, AND REPEAT."
- "SLEEP."
- "BE ON THE PHONE WITH ALL MY FRIENDS."
- "SNEAK OUT OF THE HOUSE."
- "HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS."
- "CUSTOMIZE MY CLOTHING."
- "WORK. I'M GONNA MAKE LIKE A THOUSAND-SOMETHING DOLLARS."
- "MY MOM WANTS TO SEND ME TO MEXICO."
- "DRAW REALISTIC FACES. I'M TRYING TO PRACTICE, BUT I CAN'T."
- "PROBABLY GO TO AFRICA, BUT IF NOT, RIDE MY BIKE AND PLAY FOOTBALL."
- "NOT SURE."
- "HAVE A NICE LITTLE WALK. A NICE LITTLE CHAT."



From the Parkside Kitchen of Matt Saunders: Rajas Quesadillas

This one is dedicated to all the vegetarians and their parents who had to scramble to learn how to cook without delicious meat.

Ingredients:

- Poblano Peppers
- Red/Yellow Bell Peppers
- Red Onions
- Roma Tomatoes
- Cilantro
- Lime
- Sour Cream
- Taco Seasoning
- Tortillas
- Cheddar Cheese
- Pepper Jack Cheese
- Guacamole
- Crème Fraiche
- Salt/White Pepper
- Black Beans

Directions:

Clean all produce (make sure it is dry) then mince and dice (remember to core and de-seed all peppers) all of it and set aside in separate bowls (Mise en Place – French for having all your ingredients prepped and ready before cooking and it works, folks).

Combine minced onion, half the tomatoes, cilantro, juice from ½ lime and season with white pepper and a dash (only a dash) of salt in a small bowl. Set Aside.

Combine ½ sour cream, ½ tsp Taco Seasoning, **Frank's Red Hot** to taste and tsp Crème Fraiche. Stir until mixed then add drizzles of water until you can drizzle mixture. Water is your friend here, keep a little bowl next to you. Set Aside.

Heat olive oil in large frying pan, then add peppers (all 3), sliced onion and salt. Cook until tender and there is give to the onions. Stir in rest of tomatoes and more Taco Seasoning, 2 tbsp of water. Cook until tomatoes are soft. We want this mixture wet and saucy, so don't be afraid to add as you go. Take off heat and add black beans (1/4 can), cilantro, a couple of tbsp of sour cream, season as you like. Set aside.

Working with 2 large tortillas, sprinkle ½ of each with Cheddar cheese, top with vegetable filling from frying pan, then sprinkle with Pepper Jack cheese. Fold in half.

Heat olive oil in frying pan, add Quesadillas and cook until cheese is melted, and tortillas are golden brown (about 3 minutes each side).

Cut into wedges, top with Salsa, Guacamole and drizzle cream mixture and Serve with a garnish of black beans and blue corn chips.

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THE PARKSIDER COLORING PAGE

This month's coloring page is our local business spotlight, Crilly's Car Cures. More info about them back on page #3.

To have your child's coloring page posted on the borough's website and/or social media pages, please submit a photo of the work along with your child's first name and age to the email address below...

aguy@parksideborough.com

Photos will be posted online with the child's first name & age.

To only print the coloring page & not the entire newsletter, the coloring page is on page #10.

Thanks! We can't wait to see your child's work of art.

