

# Brook Park News

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## **BROOK PARK NEWS**

The newsletter is available on the Brook Park website.

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1. Click on "Add me to Brook Park Newsletter Mailing list".
2. Enter your email address.
3. Click on "Join Mailing List".

## **HAPPY HOUR @ THE POOL**

REMINDER!!!! Are you searching for "Your lost shaker of salt?"



Well search no more! Sign up to attend the Happy Hour @ The Pool on Saturday, July 31, 2010, 8:00 pm - 12:00 am, no later than July 23 (SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR ALL THE EXCITING DETAILS). If you miss this party, it will be your own darned fault!!

## **SUMMER SAFETY--REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

Summer is here and along with the sun and fun come the creepy people out of hiding. They prey on people who do not lock their doors and vehicles, children and search for homes where the owners are on vacation. Don't be a victim. Be aware of your surroundings, lock your homes and your vehicles when you are home or away. Ask a neighbor to watch your house when you are not there--you may also contact the police to let them know the dates you will not be home. Use light timers and ALWAYS report any person or activity which you feel is suspicious by contacting your local police. It is better to be safe than sorry.



## **TRIM IT UP, TRIM IT BACK**

Summer - that fabulous time of year when our gardens burst forth with abundance and our flowers are in bloom! It's wonderful, yes, unless your abundant plant life is overgrowing the sidewalks! As a courtesy to all those adults and children who enjoy the benefits of walking, running and biking in our neighborhood, please ensure your plants aren't blocking free passage on the sidewalks. Keep bushes trimmed back and overhanging trees cut up above adult head height. Your neighbors will thank you!

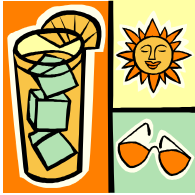


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## PIG ROAST & FAMILY PICNIC

The Annual Brook Park Pig Roast & Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2010, at the Pool. There will be fun, friends, food, and NEW entertainment. Current, paid members of the Civic Association & Pool are invited to attend. Costs to attend are: \$10.00 for ages 11 and up, \$5.00 for children 4 - 10 years, and FREE for children under 3 years of age.



Please bring a dessert to share and to enter in the BAKING CONTEST (Deadline to submit an entry is 4 pm). Winners will be announced at 4:45 pm.

**BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS. NO GLASS - PLASTIC AND PAPER ONLY!!!**

New and exciting this year is the "Wild World of Animals Show", which will start at 3:30 pm and last approximately 1 hour. Do not miss this very entertaining show - a treat for children and adults. To view information about Wild World of Animals, follow this link to their informative web site: <http://www.wildworldofanimals.org/>. We are also planning on providing Karaoke as the musical entertainment after the animal show until the end of the picnic.

You may sign up by completing the attached form and returning it along with your payment to Sandy Schuster at 9035 Wood View Drive. **YOU MUST PAY WHEN YOU SIGN UP.** Checks are payable to "Sandy Schuster". Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, up to 150. Don't be left out of the fun! Sign Up Early!! **DEADLINE** to sign up is August 20, 2010. Add \$2.00/person if registering after August 20.

The schedule of all events is listed on the attached sign-up form. As always with an event of this size, volunteers are needed for a variety of things. A volunteer list is attached to this newsletter. Please volunteer to help. Contact Sandy Schuster at (412) 366-0455 to volunteer.



## PIG PARTY BAKING CONTEST

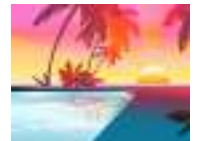
By now you should be rounding second base...you've made the decision about what you're going to bake for the Fourth or Fifth Annual Pig Party

Baking Contest, have notes about bringing butter and eggs to room temp, are having visions of greasing and flouring your baking pans, and have already made mental notes about your acceptance speech. To add to this year's excitement, the winner will be asked to take a victory lap around the pool. Don't let this disorient your mind. Remember, there are guidelines and rules to obey:

1. All entries must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m.
2. There will be two prizes for both the adult and kids categories.
3. There should be no bribing of the judges.
4. Store bought entries, although they can be awfully tasty, are not eligible.
5. Bake on and good luck.

## LADIES POOL PARTY.....A GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL!!

On a perfect evening on July 10, women gathered for an evening of "girls only" fun at the Brook Park Pool. Tasty eats, great conversation, a rousing game of NA Pictionary (thanks Renee) and new friendships joined to make this a fun evening for all. No further details can be divulged. Thanks to all those who helped set up, clean up and attended.



## FALL SOCIAL--"SAVE THE DATE"



REMINDER---Save the Date NOW to attend the "Fall Social" scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2010, at the Franklin Park Fire Hall. Great "interactive" DJ has been booked for the event. Look for additional information in future newsletters

## 2010-2011 WOMEN'S CLUB SIGN-UP

Women's Club Sign-Ups are currently in progress for 2010-2011. See attached sign-up form and group list. Deadline to sign up for groups is SEPTEMBER 1, 2010. You must be a current, paid member of the Civic Association to participate in Women's Club activities. You will be contacted if you have signed up for a group or groups and your dues are not current. Dues are \$30/year and can be forwarded to Jessica Deible at 1607 King James. Checks payable to BPMCA.



## FOR SALE--BROOK PARK COOKBOOKS

Brook Park Cookbooks are still available and are the perfect gift. Cookbooks are \$10 each. To purchase, contact: Lisa Kocent @ 412-367-7473 or @ [LKBird79@msn.com](mailto:LKBird79@msn.com).

Check are payable to: BPMCA.



## RESIDENT DIRECTORIES

Updated inserts for the Resident Directories will be available soon to all "paid" members of the Civic Association. Updated inserts will be delivered to each "paid" household once they have been received back from the printer. Haven't paid your due yet? Forward your payment of \$30 to Jessica Deible at 1607 King James Drive (checks payable to: BPMCA).



## HAPPY HOUR GETS A FACE LIFT

Take another look at the Happy Hour Group.....We've changed the name to "The Socials". In addition to a name change, the group will take on a new format: No hostess gifts, name tags are optional, no committee member contributions towards the party, all dates/themes/locations will be pre-set for the year (Oct, Jan, April & July @ the Pool) ASAP after September 1, cost to attend will be based on the cost of the party/event (within reason), parties/events are

not limited to homes, you may request the month of the committee you wish to be on, etc. Cooking is not a requirement. If you were thinking of dropping out of the group or have not been a part of the group for one or more years, give the new format a try. It is all designed to be easier and flexible. The fun is created by the ideas of the group. The first event will be an OPEN event on Saturday, October 30, 2010, at the Franklin Park Fire Hall. Sign up now through the Women's Club Sign-ups. Questions? Contact Lisa Kocent-LKBird79@msn.com.



## SOFTBALL GAME--BROOK PARK SWIM CLUB

The Annual "BPMSC" Softball Game is scheduled for Sunday, August 29, 2010, at 1:00 pm, Wall Field on Sloop Road. See attached Sign-Up Flyer for additional details.

## BOOK SWAP GROUP

The Book Swap Group met on July 1 at the Pool. Seven readers arrived with great summer reads to swap. The next Book Swap will be held late October/early November. Details will be forwarded to members via e-mail. Don't forget to sign up for this group via the Women's Club sign-ups included in this newsletter!!



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

<b><i>NOW</i></b>	-	<b><i>N/A</i></b>	-	<b><i>CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES ARE NOW DUE</i></b>
<b><i>July 23, 2010</i></b>	-	<b><i>N/A</i></b>	-	<b><i><u>DEADLINE:</u> To Sign Up for Happy Hour @ Pool</i></b>
July 31, 2010	-	8:00 pm – 12:00 am	-	Happy Hour @ Pool
August 8, 2010	-	7:00 pm	-	Civic Board Meeting @ Pool
<b><i>August 20, 2010</i></b>	-	<b><i>N/A</i></b>	-	<b><i><u>DEADLINE:</u> To Sign Up for Pig Roast</i></b>
August 28, 2010	-	3:00 pm	-	PIG ROAST @ Pool
		3:30 pm	-	Wild World of Animals Show
		4:00 pm	-	Baking Contest Entry Deadline
		4:45 pm	-	Baking Contest Winners Announced
		5:00 pm	-	Dinner & DJ/Karaoke Entertainment
August 29, 2010	-	1:00 pm	-	BPMSC Softball Game @ Wall Field, Sloop Road <b><i>MUST Pre-Register/Pay w/Dave Hunker</i></b>
September 12, 2010	-	7:00 pm	-	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
October 3, 2010	-	7:00 pm	-	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
October 30, 2010	-	“TBD”	-	Fall Social @ Franklin Park Fire Hall



## BROOK PARK CLASSIFIEDS

### CLEAN FILL WANTED

Joe and Toni Ambrosino  
1636 King James, 412-366-2873

### PET SERVICES

My name is Sydney McDonough and every year I offer Pet Services to the neighborhood. This includes Pet Sitting and Dog Walking. I am 12 years old and have 2 years of experience. I have 2 dogs of my own, a Lab and a Chihuahua. My rates are \$3.00 per Walk and \$7.00 per Day. Contact Sydney McDonough at [mcdonough9481@verizon.net](mailto:mcdonough9481@verizon.net) or 412-366-3835.



### Mancini Refrigeration--412-551-9641

Heating, A/C & Commercial Refrigeration Repair & Installations - Call your Neighborhood Supplier of Quality Equipment & Service.

### Babysitting by Ryanne

Babysitting available after school until 10:00 pm and weekends until ????. Completed Certified Babysitting Course. Contact Ryanne Tyler, 1602 King James Drive (412) 366-9862.

### Services by Kristen Franks (Age 14)

Babysitting (Class taken), mother's helper, house-sitting, pet-sitting, dog-walking, maintaining flower gardens (weeding & watering). Fee of \$8/hr or minimum \$10 per job. Call 412-364-7657.

### CUSTOM CARDS

Custom made cards and invitations, birth announcements and thank-yous for all occasions. Call or email me to browse through my many samples. Kelly (412) 366-3835 [mcdonough9481@verizon.net](mailto:mcdonough9481@verizon.net)

### Niggel Lawn Care LLC

1540 King James Dr. (412) 366-7956

**Firewood for sale.** Also, for all of your lawn care needs, including mowing, edging, mulching, landscaping, shrub trimming, aeration, leaf removal, retaining walls, and patios.

Your AVON sales Representative is taking orders! Almost 4 years strong in Brook Park! 6 yrs total! Please contact Melody Kalcevic @ 412-548-3215 or [mkalcevic@verizon.net](mailto:mkalcevic@verizon.net) to place an Avon order or request the latest catalog. Browse the website at your convenience: [www.youravon.com/mmaceykalcevic](http://www.youravon.com/mmaceykalcevic).

### Doggie Delights

Gourmet Birthday Cakes, Pup-Cakes  
& Cookies for your best friend!

Bark at Erica Lowry

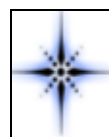
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[www.doggiedelightsonline.com](http://www.doggiedelightsonline.com)

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# "IT'S 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE.."



**...ON SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2010  
AT THE BROOK PARK POOL & PARTY PAVILION  
IT WILL BE HAPPY HOUR ALL NIGHT!!!!**

**"MAKE A CHANGE IN YOUR ATTITUDE BY CHANGING YOUR  
LATITUDE.....SIGN UP NO LATER THAN JULY 23, 2010, w/Lisa  
Kocent @ 999 Broadmeadow Drive (checks payable to Lisa  
Kocent)**

**ADMISSION FEE: \$7.50/PERSON OR \$15.00/COUPLE (LATE FEE:  
\$5/PERSON)**

(Admission fee includes: Pool Rental, pizza, wings, sandwiches, and cool people)

**PARTY TIME: 8:00 PM – 12:00 MIDNIGHT**

**YOU MAY..."RUN INTO A CHUM WITH A BOTTLE OF RUM &  
MAYBE WRITE A HIGH SPEED DRINKING SONG..."**

**THIS IS IMPORTANT.....PARTY IS BYOB!!! (IF YOU FEEL LIKE  
IT, BRING A SNACK TO SHARE BUT NOT REQUIRED)**



**NO GLASS (SERIOUSLY).....NO  
SHOES.....NO PROBLEMS**

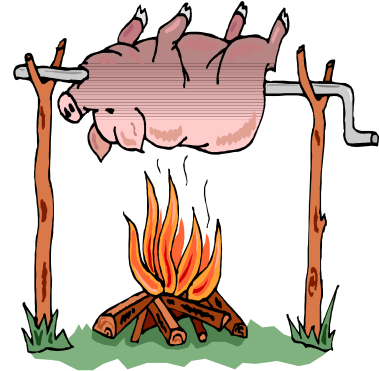


# Annual Brook Park Family Picnic & Pig Roast

**Date: Saturday, August 28, 2010**

**What: Food, Fun, Friends, Games**

**Fee:** \$10.00---Adults  
\$5.00---Kids 4 to 10 years  
FREE—Under 3 years



**\*\*\*\*RESERVATIONS accepted up to 150—Sign Up Early\*\*\*\***

**DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP: August 20, 2010**

**\*\*\*ADD \$2.00 LATE FEE/PERSON after AUGUST 20\*\*\***

**What to Bring:** A Dessert to share In or On Plastic or Paper Container  
Your Own Drinks

**Times:**

Wild World of Animals Show:	3:30 PM
Baking Contest Entries Deadline:	4:00 PM
Baking Contest Winners Announced:	4:45 PM
Dinner:	5:00 PM
DJ & Karaoke:	5:00 PM



**RETURN THE FORM BELOW & PAYMENT TO:**

**Sandy Schuster----9035 Woodview Drive**

**\*\*\*\*CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SANDY SCHUSTER\*\*\*\***

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Adults x \$10.00 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**#** \_\_\_\_\_ **4–10 Yrs x \$5.00 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**#** \_\_\_\_\_ **3 Yrs & Under x FREE**

**Checks Payable to “Sandy Schuster” and are due when you sign up!!!!**

**2010--PIG ROAST DUTIES**

- 1. Contact Pig Man Sandy Schuster
- 2. Potatoes (2 People) \_\_\_\_\_  
--Needed Morning of Pig \_\_\_\_\_  
Roast \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \*\*All 4 below must be delivered to \_\_\_\_\_ morning of the Pig Roast\*\*
  - Macaroni Cooking (1 Person) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Onion Chopping (1 Person) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Celery Chopping (1 Person) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Eggs—Cook & Peel (1Person) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Macaroni Salad Assemble \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Corn Duty--Pick Up & Supervise Peeling (1 Person) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Tossed Salad \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Hot Dogs--Cooked in Roaster, Not Grilled (1 Person) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Set Up (3 People----Starts at 1:00 pm----Takes approximately 1/2 hour)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Wild World of Animals Show Sandy Schuster
- 9. Check-In & Reimbursement (1 Person) Lisa Kocent
- 10. Servers (4 People—Serve ½ Hour) \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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- 11. Clean Up (4 People) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Leftovers Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Baking Contest Check-In Renee Illes & Susie Gralewski  
Baking Contest Judges \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. 50/50 Raffle Lisa Kocent
- 15. DJ/Karaoke Lisa Kocent





**BROOK PARK WOMEN'S CLUB**  
**GROUP SIGN-UP FORM**  
**2010-2011**

**\*\*You must be a Current, Paid Member of the Civic Association to join groups below\*\***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Groups You Are Interested In Joining:**

**WOMEN'S BUNCO:** (If you sign up to be a Regular, you will be called as a Substitute until an opening occurs.)

_____ Group I (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of Month)	_____ Will Chair or Co-Chair	_____ Currently A Regular
	_____ Substitute Only	_____ Want To Be A Regular
_____ Group II (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Month)	_____ Will Chair or Co-Chair	_____ Currently A Regular
	_____ Substitute Only	_____ Want To Be A Regular

_____ <b><u>BOOK SWAPS:</u></b>	_____ Want to Join	_____ Will Host A Swap
_____ <b><u>CREATIVE COOKING:</u></b>	_____ Want to Join	_____ Will Chair or Co-Chair
_____ <b><u>EASTER EGG HUNT:</u></b>	_____ Will Chair or Co-Chair	_____ Will Help
_____ <b><u>HALLOWEEN PARADE:</u></b>	_____ Will Chair or Co-Chair	_____ Will Help

\_\_\_\_\_ **THE SOCIALS (Formerly "HAPPY HOUR"):**

_____ Want To Join	_____ Will Chair or Co-Chair A Party/Event Committee
_____ Will Host a Party in My Home (if needed)	

_____ <b><u>KID'S CONNECTION:</u></b>	_____ Will Chair or Co-Chair	_____ Want to Join
_____ <b><u>LUMINARIES:</u></b>	_____ Will Chair or Co-Chair	_____ Will Help
_____ <b><u>SANTA VISITS:</u></b>	_____ Will Chair or Co-Chair	_____ Will Help
_____ <b><u>WREATH CLASS:</u></b>	_____ Will Chair or Co-Chair	_____ Want to Join

**\*\*Please complete form and return to: Lisa Kocent @ 999 Broadmeadow Drive**

**E-MAIL YOUR SELECTIONS TO: LKBird79@msn.com**  
**(All selections will be confirmed by e-mail if an e-mail address is provided)**

## WOMEN'S CLUB GROUPS 2010-2011

### BUNCO:

These groups are very popular and have membership limits. Bunco is a dice game which is easy and fun to play. The groups meet monthly at members homes. Group I meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month and Group II meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every month. You may sign up to become a regular member or a substitute.

### BOOK SWAPS:

A Book Swap is when each person brings Paperback or Hardback novels that they would like to Swap and leaves with an equal number of "new to you" books to read. Cost: ZERO dollars!!!! Swaps are held every 3-4 months.

### CREATIVE COOKING:

This group meets on the second Wednesday of every month. A "theme" is picked for each month. Recipes, food and treats are shared with the entire group. There is also a Progressive Dinner. You only have to cook one month, the remainder of the time you sit back and enjoy the food others have cooked.

### EASTER EGG HUNT:

This annual event is tons of fun for the kids. Each spring the Easter Bunny visits the Easter Egg Hunt which is held at Sloop Park.

### HALLOWEEN PARADE:

This annual event is a favorite. Kids in their costumes march through the neighborhood led by the North Allegheny High School Band along with Fire Trucks from the local fire department. The parade concludes with cookies, drinks, contests and a performance by the band.

### THE SOCIALS (formerly "Happy Hour"):

**NEW FORMAT THIS SEASON.** 4 parties/socials will be scheduled (October @ Franklin Park Fire Hall, January, April, July @ Pool). 1 party will be an OPEN party to encourage non-members to join—this will be the October party (non-members will be charged an additional \$5/per person). All dates, committees, themes, locations will be pre-set ASAP after Sept. 1. Committees are required to meet ASAP after September 1 to determine basic details of their event. There are no more hostess gifts, committee member \$\$ contributions towards costs, a minimal supply inventory will be kept. Name Tags are optional. Cost to attend parties/events will be determined by the cost of the party/event. All members are required to be on a planning committee for one of the 4 parties/events—you may request which month you wish to serve. Cooking is not a requirement. Ideas for events—Professional Beer or Wine Tasting, Name that Tune or Karaoke DJ dance, Pub Crawl, the possibilities are endless. More detailed information will be provided to all members shortly after September 1. How much fun this group is depends on how much fun you want it to be. This group is open to the men also.

### KID CONNECTION:

This group helps infants and pre-school aged children "connect" with other children in the neighborhood via playgroups. Mothers and their children meet at a member's home each month. The children have fun playing and doing activities while the mothers visit. Other times, outings are planned.

### LUMINARIES:

This event includes taking orders, purchasing supplies, assembling and delivery of orders to neighbors who purchased luminary kits. Helps keep Brook Park looking festive for the Holiday Season. Must clean up sand prior to Pool Spring Clean Up.

### SANTA VISITS:

Forget the Mall. Santa will come to your house to visit the kids. Santa will even bring a personal holiday gift and treat upon request. This annual event is a real hit with the little ones.

### WREATH/CENTERPIECE MAKING CLASS:

This event is held the first week of December at Kaelin's Farm market. Includes: Lunch, Wreath or Centerpiece assembly instruction and supplies to make your creations. A great way to kick off the Holiday Season.

**\*\*If you are interested in starting a new group, contact Lisa Kocent at [LKBird79@msn.com](mailto:LKBird79@msn.com)\*\***



## Grab Your Gloves!

The Brook Park annual softball game is scheduled for 1:00 PM Sunday August 29th at Wall Field on Sloop Road. The game is open to any Brook Park resident or member of the Brook Park Manor Swim Club over the age of 17. We will use low-arc pitches, so no need to worry about strikeouts. This is an event focused on fun, so don't miss out!

A \$10 registration fee is required to secure a roster spot for the game (Checks payable to "BPM Swim Club", but cash is fine too). We will cap rosters at 24 players. All proceeds will be donated to the BPM Swim Club. To register, please contact Dave Hunker at 412-364-9119.