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BROOK PARK NEWS

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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".

HOLIDAY GIFT SALE

REMINDER ... The "8th Annual Gift Sale" will be held at 9035 Woodview Drive starting November 16, 2010. Stop by or contact Sandy Schuster at 412-366-0455. Many new items have been added.

There will be crafts and holiday gifts to choose from, with customized ideas for those people who are hard to buy for. Gifts starting at \$4.00 (good ideas for teacher gifts, office gifts and grab bags). Men welcome!!! Don't miss out on the easiest place to shop for one-of-a-kind gifts. See the attached flyer for more information.

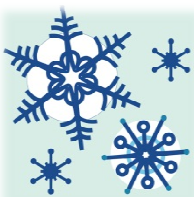


LUMINARY KIT SALE

REMINDER ... The Civic Association will be making luminary kits available for Brook Park residents again this year. Kits containing 10 candles and 10 bags will be available for \$3.50 each. NEW THIS YEAR ... Bagged sand will be delivered to your home along with your Luminary Kits--No more trips to the Pool parking lot!!! Get together with your neighbors and make this the year to light up your corner of Brook Park. See the attached flyer for more information.

Deadline is December 5!

WINTER SOCIAL AHEAD



The Socials Group will be taking a Field Trip for their Winter Social in late January or early February. Location, date, time, and other particulars are currently being finalized by the planning committee.

Group members will be receiving information via e-mail soon. This party is only open to members of the

Socials Group. If you would like to join, please contact Lisa Kocent @ LKBird79@msn.com.

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HALLOWEEN PARADE RECAP

The 22nd Annual Brook Park Halloween Parade was held on Saturday, October 30th. The event was great success! 115 kids pre-registered, and with their parents, we made quite a crowd. Once again, we were joined by the North Allegheny Band, the Franklin Park VFD and the Franklin Park Police. There was terrific participation in the various games. Joseph Caulkins won the Hershey Kisses with a guess of 320 (there were 304). Haley Shanahan won 442 Starburst candies with a guess of 400. Riley McClellan won the Jolly Ranchers with a guess of 125 (there were 121), and Nicole Jani guessed closest to the pumpkin's weight of 16.8 lbs. Thanks so much to everyone who helped out with the parade this year, including: Tony Bianco, Jill Bradley, Deb Brodine, Ellen Caulkins, Melody Kalcevic, Kevin Keelan, Amy and Bill Kroll, Kathleen Scala, Stacey Tegtmeier and Molly Trunzo. We also send a big thank you out to Cliff Miller who generously donated 12 dozen Eat-n-Park Smiley cookies for the kids. They were a special treat and very much appreciated.



SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL REMINDER & ORDINANCE INFORMATION!

It won't be long before the white stuff starts to fly!!!! Just a reminder of local snow removal rules and ordinances. We encourage Brook Park neighbors to remove snow in a responsible fashion from sidewalks and driveways and in accordance with Borough and Township Snow Removal Ordinances. ***It is against ordinances to blow or shovel snow into Borough and Township streets.*** Doing so could result in a fine for violating these ordinances. Parking in the streets during or after a snow fall may also be limited or prohibited and subject to fines. Please keep Brook Park residents and school students safe and promptly remove snow and ice from sidewalks. For ordinance details, contact the Borough of Franklin Park or the Town of McCandless, or refer to the following links:

Franklin Park

Borough: <http://www.ecode360.com/?custid=FR0955> (Click Chapter 180--Streets & Sidewalks (Article II), Click Removal of Ice & Snow (180.5))

Town Of McCandless:

<http://townofmccandless.org> (Click Departments, Click Department of Public Works, Click Snow & Ice Control)

SPOOK-TACULAR!

The scary, the spooky and the down-right hilarious showed up at the Franklin Park Social Hall on Saturday, October 30, 2010 to celebrate the Halloween holiday. Prizes were awarded for several different categories of costumes (three cheers for all the creativity on display!):

Best Couple--Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren - Corey & Erica Lowry

Most Original - Cereal Killer - Sally Swegan

Funniest - Blues Brothers - Greg Palchak and Jim Schuster

Best Man - Beetlejuice - Rick Heimbürger

Best Woman – Giant Evil – Toni Ambrosino

Let's not forget to mention that the food was spectacular and great music was provided by Keystone Entertainment. A fun night was definitely enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to the party planning committee for the scary decorations, yummy food and nice cold beverages. Special thanks to Sandy Schuster for chairing the committee. If you missed this party, you missed a fun time!

SANTA VISITS

It's that time again! Santa Claus is coming to town! The Jolly Old Elf checked his list and saw that he has a visit scheduled to come to Brook Park the evenings of Monday, December 13th and Wednesday, December 15. To be sure he stops at your house, please complete the attached form and return it to Sheila Duffy **no later than December 10**. Santa's schedule books up quickly, so send in your form!



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

David and Melissa French and their 4 year old son Harrison are settling into 1624 King James Drive (you may have seen Harrison as a little doctor in the



Halloween parade!). The French family moved here from Utica, NY. David has taken a position at Carnegie Mellon as a Software Researcher and Melissa hopes to

return to the classroom as a high school English teacher. Their hobbies include reading, movies, travel and camping. If you are passing by 1624 King James, please be sure to give them a warm welcome! Their contact info is as follows: phone #: 412-366-2156 and e-mail: melissarahnh@hotmail.com Please update your Brook Park Directory accordingly.

SNOW REMOVAL ASSISTANCE

Just a reminder for those who may require snow removal assistance throughout the coming winter months ... there are several Brook Park youths offering snow removal services. Their names and contact information may be found in the front of the Brook Park Resident Directory under the "Youth Services" section.



COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

It's official! The Holiday Shopping Season is in full swing. Save yourself time and stress and give Brook Park cookbooks as gifts to the cooks, newlyweds, and new home or apartment owners on your gift list. Cookbooks also make wonderful gifts for teachers

and co-workers. Pair them up with other items to make a "cooking" gift basket. Cookbooks are \$10 each. Contact Lisa Kocent @ LKBird79@msn.com to purchase. Checks are payable to "BPMCA".



BOOK SWAP GROUP

The Book Swap group met on October 28 at the home of Ginny Templeton to swap reads for the cold winter months ahead. A fun time was had by all who attended. The next Swap will be held in late January/early February. Interested in joining this fun and informal group? Contact Lisa Kocent @ LKBird79@msn.com.



SAVE THE DATE!

Now – December 5, 2010	N/A	-	Luminary Sale	
November 16, 2010	-	Day/Evening & Weekends	-	Holiday Craft Show Begins - 9035 Woodview
December 1, 2010	-	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	-	Wreath & Centerpiece Class @ Kaelin's
December 5, 2010	-	7:00 pm	-	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
<i>December 5, 2010</i>	-	<i>N/A</i>	-	<i><u>DEADLINE: To Purchase Luminary Kits</u></i>
December 7, 2010	-	1:00 am – 11:30 am	-	Kid Connection @ Maura Rodgers'
<i>December 10, 2010</i>	-	<i>N/A</i>	-	<i><u>DEADLINE: To Sign Up For Santa Visits</u></i>
December 13, 2010	-	"TBD"	-	Santa Visits (Must Pre-Register)
December 15, 2010	-	"TBD"	-	Santa Visits (Must Pre-Register)
January 9, 2011	-	7:00 pm	-	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
January 12, 2011	-	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	-	Kid Connection @ Carnegie Science Center
January 25, 2011	-	10:00 am – 11:30 am	-	Kid Connection @ Ruth Quint's
Jan/Feb, 2011 (TBD)	-	"TBD"	-	Winter Social
February 6, 2011	-	7:00 pm	-	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
February 8, 2011	-	10:00 am – 11:30 am	-	Kid Connection @ Heather Byers'
February 23, 2011	-	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	-	Kid Connection @ Children's Museum
April 30, 2011	-	"TBD"	-	Spring Social @ Basara's
July 30, 2011 (T)	-	"TBD"	-	Summer Social @ Pool
August 27, 2011	-	"TBD"	-	Pig Roast & Family Picnic @ Pool



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 or 412-366-3835.



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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.
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Doggie Delights

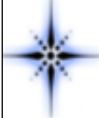
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THE TENANT'S ADVANTAGE

Brook Park Santa Visits



A few months before Christmas
And all through the plan,
Everyone is getting anxious
To see the Kris Kringle man!
"He's coming to Brook Park!" –
We hear friends chatter on our street
And he hopes that in December
There will be many children to meet.
Please send in your form –
You will see it below
To let Santa's helpers know
You would like a special Santa hello!

Santa visits Brook Park
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13th AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 2010



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Preferred method of being contacted for day and time of visit: PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

I would like Santa to visit my home the evening of:

_____ 1st choice _____ 2nd choice

Children's names: _____ Age: _____ Special Notes: _____

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I would like Santa to bring a gift Yes No

Where will the gift(s) be left? _____

Please return this form with \$1.00 per child or \$3.00 per Family by Friday, December 10th to:
Sheila Duffy - 1508 Woodview Drive

Please make checks payable to: "Sheila Duffy"

Please note:

- There are many children in Brook Park, so please remember that Santa can only visit for 15 minutes.
- Return your requests early. Time slots are limited and are filled on a first come basis.
- Santa can bring a gift, supplied by Mom & Dad, and left out on the porch for your child.
- You will be contacted by email or phone when visits have been scheduled.

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For Appointment or Directions Call: 412-366-0455



***Sandy Schuster
9035 Woodview Drive
Pittsburgh PA. 15237
(In Brook Park Manor)***



LUMINARIES

If you have ever driven through Brook Park on Christmas Eve, you can't help but notice the luminary displays lighting up different sections of the neighborhood. Make this the year to light up your corner of Brook Park. The Civic Association will once again be selling luminary kits. The cost is \$3.50 for each kit of 10 candles and 10 bags. Kits will be delivered directly to your home, including sand (for weighting the bags). Please fill out the order form below and return it with your payment to Monique Barnett no later than December 5th.

NEW THIS YEAR: Sand will be bagged and delivered with kits. No more trips to the pool to pick up sand.



Name _____

Number of Kits _____

Address _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Please return to Monique Barnett @ 1553 King Albert Drive
Make checks payable to Monique Barnett