

# Brook Park News

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## **BROOK PARK NEWS**

The newsletter is available on the Brook Park website.

If you want the newsletter sent to your Inbox, you would need to go to the Brook Park website ([www.brookparkmanor.com](http://www.brookparkmanor.com)) and do the following:

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



### **NO GAME THIS YEAR**

The Brook Park annual softball game scheduled for 1:00 PM Sunday August 29th has been cancelled due to low turnout and widespread injuries among the "regulars" (and they didn't even play yet!). However, keep those throwing arms limber and those fielder's gloves oiled. This event will be back next year!

### **WOMEN'S CLUB SIGN-UPS UPDATE**

The deadline to sign up for Women's Club groups is September 1, 2010. If you have not yet signed-up please do so ASAP. Sign up information and forms are attached. Groups without a volunteer to chair will be discontinued. At this time, groups that still need chairs are: Santa Visits, Easter Egg Hunt, Luminaries and Wreath Class. Questions: Contact Lisa Kocent @: [LKBird79@msn.com](mailto:LKBird79@msn.com)



### **GET READY FOR THE FALL SOCIAL!**



The Fall Social will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2010, at the Franklin Park Fire Hall. An interactive DJ has been booked and will be providing new ways to enjoy music. A Halloween theme may be the ticket. Mark your calendar now to attend. Additional information will be provided soon.

### **COOKBOOKS FOR SALE**

Brook Park cookbooks are still for sale and make a wonderful gift for a variety of occasions. Cookbooks are \$10 each. If you would like to purchase, contact Lisa Kocent @ [LKBird79@msn.com](mailto:LKBird79@msn.com).



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## HAPPY HOUR AT THE POOL RECAP

Happy Hour at the Pool was held on Saturday, July 31. Many people attended for a fun evening. The food was good, the conversations great, the late evening fire relaxing and the weather perfect.

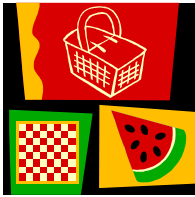
Thanks to everyone who attended. A special thanks to those who assisted in set up and clean up.



## PIG ROAST & FAMILY PICNIC AUG. 28

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).** There are categories for both children and adults. 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. The schedule of all events is listed on the attached sign-up form.

**IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP YET** (we know you've all been enjoying your summer getaways), **PLEASE CALL SANDY SCHUSTER AT 412-366-0455 IMMEDIATELY.** Make checks 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! You must pay when you sign up. Add \$2.00/person for late registration.

## TRIM IT UP, TRIM IT BACK – THANKS!

Many thanks go out to all the Brook Park neighbors who heeded the request in the August newsletter to trim bushes, flowers and trees away from the sidewalks. The changes are noticeable! For those of you who still have low-hanging trees and overflowing bushes, please get out those clippers and make our neighborhood sidewalks available to all.





## **SAVE THE DATE!**

<b><i>NOW</i></b>	-	<b><i>N/A</i></b>	-	<b><i>CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES ARE NOW DUE</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 & Music Entertainment
<b><i>September 1, 2010</i></b>	-	<b><i>N/A</i></b>	-	<b><i><u>DEADLINE:</u> To Sign Up for Women's Club Groups</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
November 7, 2010	-	7:00 pm	-	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann



## 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).

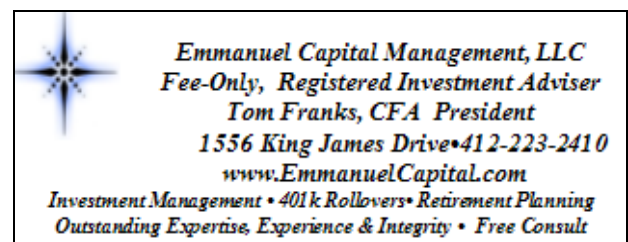
### Doggie Delights

Gourmet Birthday Cakes, Pup-Cakes & Cookies for your best friend!  
Bark at Erica Lowry  
412-548-3405  
[www.doggiedelightsonline.com](http://www.doggiedelightsonline.com)

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### Services Available Year Round



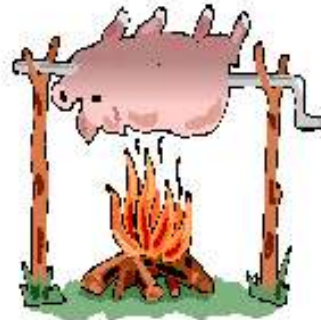


## Annual Brook Park Family Picnic & Pig Roast

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

<b>Times:</b>	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:	4:30 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!!!!



**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)\*\***