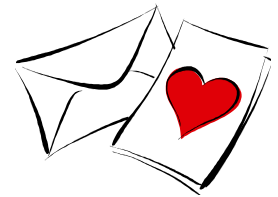


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BROOK PARK NEWS

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

1. Click on "Add me to Brook Park Newsletter Mailing list".
2. Enter your email address.
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ANNUAL CIVIC BOARD MEETING



SAVE THE DATE--The Brook Park Manor Civic Association Board of Governors will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 6, 2011, at 7:00 pm in Conference Room A at St. John Neumann Church on Rochester Road. All residents are encouraged to

attend. All residents of Brook Park will receive by mail in mid February: a letter with details regarding the Annual Meeting, Voting Ballot to elect Board of Governors and a Dues Invoice. Plan to attend to ask questions and have a say in what occurs in the neighborhood. We hope to see all of you there.

NEW NEIGHBORS--1601 King James Drive

Please welcome to the neighborhood, Giovanni and Cara Cortazzo and their children: Ava (7), Gianna (5) and John (3). They moved to 1601 King James Drive in December after spending 4 years in Fayetteville, NC. They are both natives of Pittsburgh with Giovanni originally from Monroeville and Cara, a Pitt Graduate, originally from Altoona, PA. Giovanni is a Finance Controller with Eaton Corp. and Cara is a Physical Therapist. The Cortazzos are excited about Brook Park Manor, getting involved and meeting their new neighbors! They are hoping this is their last move and that Pittsburgh remains their home for good! So update your Brook Park Directory with their number (412) 548 3834.

LUMINARY SALE RECAP

Thanks to the 31 families who helped to light up Brook Park on Christmas Eve. It is always heartwarming to return home on Christmas Eve with the light of the luminaries leading the way. *Thanks to Monique Barnett for coordinating the sale again this year.*



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REMINDER - THE SOCIALS WINTER EVENT PLANNED

It's a Waterfront night out and we're NOT driving!!! We'll be singing away the winter blues at Sing Sing Dueling Piano Bar and more, and, yes we are taking a party bus! Whoo hoo!



Date: Saturday, February 26th

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. (Bus picks up "Location TBD" at 6:30 p.m. and returns to "Location TBD" at 11:30 p.m. ** (**SEATING LIMITED**) **

Itinerary: Sing Sing and Rock Bottom at The Waterfront

Cost: approximately \$ 5.00 - \$7.00 per person for the bus (depending on participation) & \$3.00 cover charge for entrance into both Sing Sing & Rock Bottom (you may travel freely between the 2 businesses for one cover charge). Bring along your own drinks and snacks for the bus ride. Food and drinks at Sing Sing and Rock Bottom are on your own!

If you're interested, contact Maura Rodgers at maurarod@msn.com. **This is a closed event to the SOCIALS GROUP ONLY!** If you missed the boat and didn't join (but are seeing the fabulous events and want to join), contact Lisa Kocent immediately at LKBird79@msn.com. You will be added to the group and this fun event, and asked to help on the planning of either the April or July Event!

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL REMINDER & ORDINANCE INFORMATION!!!



January gave us plenty of snow and lots of reasons to say it AGAIN! Most of you have been wonderful about keeping your sidewalks clear, in compliance with local snow removal ordinances. Thank you! However, some sidewalks have not been shoveled, which is unsafe for all. 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. Remember, violating these ordinances could result in fines. Parking in the streets during or after a snow fall may also be limited or prohibited and *it is against ordinances to blow or shovel snow into Borough and Township streets.* Doing so could result in a fine for subject to fines. Please keep Brook Park residents and school students

safe by **promptly** removing snow and ice from walkways. For Snow Removal Ordinance details, contact the Borough of Franklin Park or the Town of McCandless offices, or refer to the following web 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)

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.

A SPECIAL KITTY NEEDS A HOME

Brook Park residents probably noticed the beautiful gold and white cat that has been seen regularly in our neighborhood over the past several months.



Well, it turns out that he was either lost or abandoned! Thanks to the kindness of a Brook Park neighbor, he's finally come in from the cold, but **he needs a home**, a place where he can stop fending for himself and go back to being a housecat again. He's about 4 years old, weighs 14 pounds, is neutered, de-fleaed, tested negative for feline leukemia, and has had all his shots. The vet says he's in great health and ready for someone to love.

If you can give this sweet guy a home, please contact Animal Advocates, a local no-kill shelter currently caring for him. Contact them at 412-928-9777 or animaladvocatespgh@live.com and ask for "Marcus".

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

Brook Park cookbooks are available and ready for purchase. Valentine's Day, birthdays, bridal showers, new homeowners, etc. are all perfect for giving cookbooks as a gift. In fact, pair one up with kitchen linens, kitchen utensils, ingredients for a recipe in the book, food store gift cards--the possibilities are endless. Put a smile on the cook in your life's face!!! Cookbooks are \$10 each. To purchase, contact Lisa Kocent: LKBird79@msn.com. Checks are payable to BPMCA.

2010 SANTA VISITS RECAP

Santa visited over 20 children in Brook Park on two frigid nights in December and even met with some on the street! All the children made the "Nice List" and Santa was very grateful for all the big hugs and yummy cookies. He was especially



glad to see that all the kids were doing their homework, being nice to their sisters and brothers and helping their moms and dads. Special thanks to Joe Ryan (Sheila Duffy's brother-in-law) for his convincing role as St. Nick. *"Thanks to Sheila Duffy for coordinating the Santa Visits!!"*



SAVE THE DATE!

**** (NEW: Local Borough/Township Dates of Interest will be included when information is available—For a more comprehensive list, refer to your Borough/Township Web Site, Calendar or Office)**

February 8, 2011	-	10:00 am – 11:30 am	-	Kid Connection @ Heather Byers'
February 13, 2011	-	7:00 pm	-	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
February 23, 2011	-	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	-	Kid Connection @ Children's Museum
February 26, 2011	-	6:30 pm – 11:30 pm	-	Winter Social @ Sing Sing & Rock Bottom @ The Waterfront
March 6, 2011	-	"7:00 PM"	-	ANNUAL CIVIC BOARD MEETING St. John Neumann Conference Room A
March 8, 2011	-	10:00 am – 11:30 am	-	Kid Connection @ Kathleen Scala's
March 13, 2011	-	N/A	-	Daylight Savings Time Begins—Clock's Forward "Change Batteries in Smoke & CO Detectors"
March 23, 2011	-	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	-	Kid Connection @ Tina Hudak's
April 3, 2011	-	7:00 pm	-	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
April 12, 2011	-	10:00 am – 11:30 am	-	Kid Connection @ Carnegie Science Center
April 16, 2011**	-	Morning	-	McCandless—"Yard Waste Recycling Pick-Up"
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



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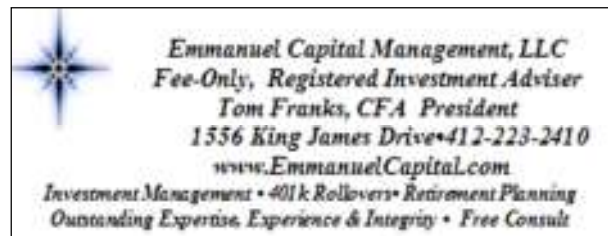
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