

# Brook Park News

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## **BROOK PARK NEWS**

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2. Enter your email address.
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## **REMINDER: NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE WILL BE HELD JUNE 4**

It's that time of year when we hold Brook Park's Bi-Annual Garage Sale! This year's event is Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, come rain or come shine! Hours of Sale are from 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. As has been done in the past, a pre-sale for Brook Park Residents ONLY will be held on Friday, June 3, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you have questions, contact Jeanne Nolan, 1615 King James Drive.

## **PIG ROAST & FAMILY PICNIC**

SAVE THE DATE!!! The Annual Pig Roast & Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 27 at the Brook Park Pool. **Volunteers** are needed for food preparation, set up, food serving and games for the kids. If you are interested in helping with any of these activities, contact Sandy Schuster at 412-366-0455.

A Sign-Up Flyer and Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet will be included in the next newsletter. If you've never attended, you are missing a fun afternoon and evening of great food, entertainment and fellowship. Plan to sign up to attend this year!!!!

## **FALL 2011 HAPPY HOUR/SOCIAL - SAVE THE DATE**

The 2011 Fall Happy Hour will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2011, at the Franklin Park Fire Hall. Additional details will be provided closer to the event date. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

## **BOOK SWAP GROUP**

The Book Swap Group will hold its next Swap on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at 6:00 pm at the Brook Park Pool. We had so much fun doing this last summer that a repeat performance was in order. E-mail reminders will be sent to members closer to the Swap date. Want to join this stress-free, fun group? Contact Lisa Kocent at: [LKBird79@msn.com](mailto:LKBird79@msn.com).

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## SOCIALS ROYAL WEDDING



Over 40 Brook Park neighbors celebrated the Royal Wedding – Pittsburgh style – on Saturday, April 30. Thanks to George and Patty Basara for hosting the reception! The Basara's were also voted the most royal looking couple, as the attendees judged a lot of “dated” wedding photos. The 1980's saw some BIG hair and puffy sleeves! Thanks to the committee for their time and for the delicious cake and abundance of cookies, all washed down with champagne punch! The next Socials will be held poolside on Saturday, July 30. Mark your calendar! This will be the final Socials Party of the season so SAVE THE DATE and plan to attend. *Thanks to Jan Haddad for chairing the planning committee and to George and Patty for volunteering their home for the party!!!!*

## UNLEASHED CATS/DOGS AND IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL WASTES

A reminder to all residents that Allegheny County, Franklin Park and McCandless all have laws and ordinances that require the leashing of animals and make owners responsible for the impact that they make on others, including disposal of their wastes. Unfortunately, unrestrained dogs, cats and pet droppings remain an ongoing problem for some in our neighborhood. If you experience a problem with animals and/or animal wastes, you can contact the following numbers. Additional guidance is also noted:

- **Franklin Park: 412-364-1227**  
Report the offense immediately. If you know the name and address of the offender give that information to the police. If not known, follow the offender home and report the address. The offender will receive two warnings and then a citation.
- **McCandless: 412-369-7992**  
Report the offense immediately, as the offender must be caught in the act of violating the ordinance. More information on the ordinances may be obtained at the Town Hall by any individual.
- **Allegheny County Animal Control: 412-771-7387**  
In response to contacting them they will begin to patrol our subdivision. Unleashed cats will be trapped and the owners may contact Animal Control to get them back. Unleashed dogs will be impounded.

The authorities listed above also offer the following guidance:

- Franklin Park and McCandless both have ordinances requiring all animals to be leashed.
- Voice commands are not in compliance with the leash law.
- No animal can go onto another's property without the consent of the owner.

## 3rd ANNUAL "RACE FOR JOE"

Brook Park Manor hosted the "Race for Joe" on Saturday, April 23rd. This year's race had 225 paid runners & walkers. Each year this memorial race funds two \$1,000 scholarships for North Allegheny athletes in remembrance of Joe Guzzetti. Our volunteers this year included Joe Migliozi, Don Haddad, Paul Katus, Frank Greco, Randy Thomson, Lisa Kocent, Ed Gasperich, Tim Brunner, Gralewski's, Sara Briggs, Lutz's, Katie Tully and Sophie Batton. A special thanks to the many residents that lined the streets and cheered on the runners, and to all the residents who may have been inconvenienced during the race.



## REMINDER - CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES NOW DUE

Did you pay your Civic Association Membership Dues for 2011-2012? Annual membership dues are now due in the amount of \$30. Many Brook Park events and groups are only open to current, paid members. Dues provide for many things seen and unseen and keep our neighborhood a wonderful place to live and have fun.

Dues are \$30/year. Checks are payable to: BPMCA (Brook Park Manor Civic Association). Dues payments should be forwarded to: Jessica Deible at 1607 King James Drive.

Didn't receive a dues invoice? Contact Lisa Kocent @ [LKBird79@msn.com](mailto:LKBird79@msn.com).

## POOL CLOSURES DURING SWIM MEETS

The Pool will close at 4:00 pm on the following dates when the Brook Park Manorays swim team will host home meets at the Pool. Come out to cheer on our kids!

Tuesday, June 14th

Tuesday, June 21st

Tuesday, June 28th

Thursday, June 30th



See the attached Swim Club calendar of events for other exciting activities at the Brook Park Pool!

## COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

Looking for a gift for a special teacher for the end of the school year? Perhaps you seek a unique bridal shower gift, or one for a house sitter or pet sitter who covered for you while you were on vacation? Why not purchase

a Brook Park Cookbook? You can pair it up with a variety of other items to create the perfect customized gift. Cookbooks are \$10 each. To purchase, contact Lisa Kocent at [LKBird79@msn.com](mailto:LKBird79@msn.com). Checks are payable to BPMCA.

### LADIES NIGHT AT THE POOL

Grab your Sharpie now, then run, run, run to your calendar .... and CHANGE THE DATE of the Ladies Pool Party to **SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011!!!** Hopefully by then the spring monsoons will be a distant memory. Party is 7:30 pm - 11:30 pm. If you attend one thing this summer, let this be it. REMEMBER.....no men, no kids, no worries!!! The entertainment is a well-guarded secret at this time (details will be shared with anyone volunteering to assist, so contact Lisa Kocent, [LKBird79@msn.com](mailto:LKBird79@msn.com)). Look for details and sign up information in the July newsletter.



### EASTER EGG HUNT RECAP

Thanks to all of the families who hopped on over to Brook Park's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Wall Memorial Park on Sloop Road. The kids enjoyed searching for eggs, visiting with the bunny (who arrived in a cool convertible this year!) and taking home a prize. Special thanks to all who helped to clean the park, hide eggs and distribute prizes. The kids certainly appreciate your efforts! *Thanks to Erin Toomey for coordinating the Egg Hunt this year.*

### TOWN OF MCCANDLESS WASTE & RECYCLING GOING AUTOMATED

Effective October 1, 2011, trash, recycling and yard waste pick-up for residents living in the Town of

McCandless will be going automated. All town residents should have received a very comprehensive mailing from the Town outlining all aspects of his change. A second mailing will follow soon which will include a trash cart selection form for residents to complete. This form may also be completed via the town's website. Details are also available there: <http://www.townofmccandless.org/>. Contact the town offices if you did not receive this information.

### SHEDS & PROTECTIVE COVENANTS IN BROOK PARK

Just a reminder that **ALL** outbuildings, including storage sheds, are prohibited by the Protective Covenants governing residential lots in Brook Park. The Protective Covenants help to keep our neighborhood attractive and our home values high. Copies of Protective Covenants for all 3 Phases of Brook Park are available to view and print from the Brook Park web site at [www.brookparkmanor.com](http://www.brookparkmanor.com). *Failure to abide by said covenants could result with actions from the Brook Park Manor Civic Association and/or other residents.*

### ANNOUNCING SOCIAL MEMBERSHIPS FOR FIELD CLUB RESIDENTS

After several discussions at Civic Board meetings, the Board voted unanimously to offer "Social Only" memberships to residents of Field Club Estates. For an annual fee, paid members are entitled to attend Brook Park social events and participate in groups offered by the Civic Association and Women's Club. The membership does not include voting rights nor can participants be members of the Civic Board. We look forward to the addition of new faces at events and the fresh ideas that new people bring!



## **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)**

May 28, 2011	-	12:00 pm	-	POOL OPENING DAY!!!!
June 3, 2011	-	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	-	PRE-SALE Garage Sale - Brook Park Residents ONLY
June 4, 2011	-	7:30 am – 12:00 pm	-	Annual Garage Sale
June 4, 2011**	-	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	-	McCandless Electronic Recycling - Town Hall
June 5, 2011	-	7:00 pm	-	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
June 11, 2011**	-	Morning	-	McCandles - Yard Waste Recycling Pick-Up
June 14, 2011	-	4:00 pm	-	Swim Meet @ Pool—Pool Closed at 4:00 pm
June 21, 2011	-	4:00 pm	-	Swim Meet @ Pool—Pool Closed at 4:00 pm
June 28, 2011	-	4:00 pm	-	Swim Meet @ Pool—Pool Closed at 4:00 pm
June 30, 2011	-	4:00 pm	-	Swim Meet @ Pool—Pool Closed at 4:00 pm
July 10, 2011	-	7:00 pm	-	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
July 20, 2011	-	6:00 pm	-	Book Swap Group @ Brook Park Pool
July 23, 2011**	-	Morning	-	McCandless - Yard Waste Recycling Pick Up
July 30, 2011	-	7:30 pm – 11:30 pm	-	Summer Social @ Pool
August 7, 2011	-	7:00 pm	-	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
August 13, 2011**	-	Morning	-	McCandless - Yard Waste Recycling Pick-Up
August 13, 2011	-	7:30 pm – 11:30 pm	-	Ladies Pool Party
August 27, 2011	-	“TBD”	-	Pig Roast & Family Picnic @ Pool
October 1, 2011**	-	N/A	-	McCANDLESS AUTOMATED TRASH COLLECTION BEGINS!!!!
October 22, 2011	-	“TBD”	-	Fall Happy Hour @ Franklin Park Fire Hall



## BROOK PARK CLASSIFIEDS

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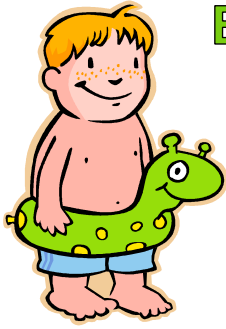
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# Brook Park Swim Club Calendar of Events 2011

**Elementary School Party:**  
Wednesday, June 8th 4:30-6:30

**Middle School Party:**  
Monday, June 13th 8-10

**Adult Mixer (Summer Kick Off):**  
Saturday, June 18th 7-11

**4th of July Picnic:**  
Monday, July 4th 12-8

**Wrestle mania** – July- TBA

**Mexican Fiesta Night**  
Saturday, July 16th 5-10

**Happy Hour:**  
Saturday, July 30th 7:30-11:30

**Ladies Night at the Pool:**  
Saturday, August 13th 7:30-11:30

**Pig Roast**  
Saturday, August 27 - All Day - 8:00 pm