

# 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".


## **NEW NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT**

Please welcome to the neighborhood, Nando and Tatsiana Costa, who moved into Brook Park Manor this past October 2010. They have settled in nicely at 8022 Broadlawn with their 3 children: Isabella 4, Alexander 3 and Christopher 1. Nando works for Allegheny County and Tatsiana is employed by Home Depot. In addition, Tatsiana is an independent sales consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics, so get your orders ready! In their spare time, Nando enjoys mountain biking and Tatsiana enjoys photo editing as well as interior decorating (which was evident seeing their beautiful home)! I think they have an additional artist in the house too, since Isabella drew a very nice picture of me while I was there! Although previous residence in the McCandless area for the past 5 years, please welcome this fantastic family to the 'Brook Park' Neighborhood and update your Brook Park Directory: E-mail: [tatsiana\\_costa@msn.com](mailto:tatsiana_costa@msn.com) Phone: 412-551-6651.

## **CIVIC BOARD VOLUNTEERS WELCOME**

The Civic Association always needs willing people to set aside about one hour per month to participate in the Board of Governors. Even if our slate of members looks full now, Brook Park people are always on the move. Sometimes members must resign, so openings occur all the time. Consider volunteering today. Have a say in what occurs where you live. Fresh ideas are always welcome! To volunteer, contact any Board member.

## **PLEASE JOIN US - ANNUAL CIVIC BOARD MEETING**

 The Annual Brook Park Civic Board meeting will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2011, at 7:00 pm in Conference Room A at St. John Neumann Church on Rochester Road. All Brook Park residents are invited to attend, get information, ask questions, and have a say in what occurs in the neighborhood (not to mention greet old friends and meet new ones!). We hope to see all of you there.

## **2010 -2011 Board of Governors**

President:	Bill Ghirardi (412) 366-6646
Vice President:	Paul Katus (412) 367-9059
Secretary/Women's Club:	Lisa Kocent (412) 367-7473
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Alternate:	Eric Bradley (412) 369-7177  Jim Hudson (412) 364-3605  Ian Lindsay (412) 369-4574  Diane Salvatora (412) 366-9106  Sandra Schuster (412) 366-0455
Membership:	Jessica Deible (724) 234-2726
Newsletter Editor:	Donna Hudson (412) 364-3605
Welcome:	Melody Kalcevic (412) 548-3215

## **COOKBOOKS MAKE GREAT GIFT BASKET STARTERS**

Brook Park Cookbooks are available for purchase. Mothers' Day, birthdays, bridal showers, and housewarmings are all perfect for giving cookbooks as a gift. Pair them up with kitchen linens, kitchen utensils, ingredients for a recipe in the book, or food store gift cards to make a wonderful gift basket. The possibilities are endless. No matter how you choose to give it, the tried-and-true recipes compiled by your Brook Park neighbors will bring a smile to that special cook's face! Cookbooks are \$10 each. To purchase, contact Lisa Kocent: [LKBird79@msn.com](mailto:LKBird79@msn.com). Checks are payable to BPMCA.



## **GARAGE SALE COORDINATOR NEEDED**



It is time to start planning the Semi-Annual Brook Park Garage Sale. The sale will be held in early June. A volunteer is needed to coordinate this year's sale. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Lisa

Kocent: [LKBird79@msn.com](mailto:LKBird79@msn.com) no later than March 15. Guidance and signs provided. If no one steps

forward, the Garage Sale will have to be cancelled, so please consider lending your leadership talents to this fun and worthwhile neighborhood event.

## **CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!**

Civic Association Membership Dues for 2011-2012 are now due in the amount of \$30. Dues invoices were mailed to all Brook Park residents in mid-February. Many Brook Park events and groups are only open to current, paid members of the Civic Association. Dues provide for many things seen and unseen and keep our neighborhood a wonderful place to live and have fun. 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).

## **LOOKING TO MOVE OR SELL YOUR HOUSE?**

A local Ingomar family is interested in moving into Brook Park! If you are contemplating selling your home this Spring, either privately or through a realtor, please call: Johanna at 412-369-5012. They will consider any phase, depending on the home



## **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 26, 2011	-	6:30 pm – 11:30 pm	-	Winter Social @ Sing Sing & Rock Bottom @ The Waterfront
<b><i>March 6, 2011</i></b>	-	<b><i>“7:00 PM”</i></b>	-	<b><i>ANNUAL CIVIC BOARD MEETING St. John Neumann Conference Room A</i></b>
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	-	8:00 pm – 1:00 am	-	Spring Social @ Basara’s
May 14, 2011**	-	Morning	-	McCandless—“Yard Waste Recycling Pick-Up”
May 25, 2011	-	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	-	Kid Connection @ Soergel’s Playsets
June 4, 2011**	-	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	-	Electronic Recycling - McCandless Town Hall
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](mailto:mcdonough9481@verizon.net) or 412-364-1873.



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### Services by Kristen Franks (Age 15)

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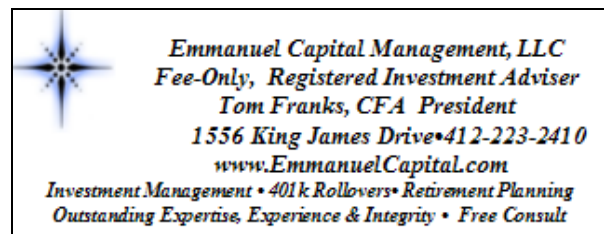
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