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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.
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SANTA VISITS



Ho Ho Ho ... Santa will be in Brook Park visiting the wee folk on December 3 and 5. Make your reservations now with the Jolly fellow. Reservation deadline is November 30, 2012. See attached flyer for all the details.

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NEW NEIGHBORS

Please welcome Kevin and Michelle Kaneshiro to the neighborhood. The Kaneshiros and their children, Chance (age 13) and Celeste (age 11) are making their home at 1521 King Charles Drive. They have relocated here from Honolulu, Hawaii through Kevin's transfer with DCK Worldwide (formerly known as Dick Corp.). Kevin is somewhat prepared for our winters but he is a little unsure about the snow blowing and shoveling! Once that snow hits, Kevin will certainly be anxious to learn the tricks of the trade from neighbors. Welcome once again to the Kaneshiro family!

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NEW RECYCLING LAW TO IMPACT McCANDLESS RESIDENTS



A new state law that takes full effect on January 24, 2013 will officially ban the disposal of electronic devices in landfills and incinerators. After this date, only the Department of Environmental Protection will be allowed to handle the disposal of these electronic devices affected by the law.

Earlier this year, the law required manufacturers that sell electronics in Pennsylvania to establish e-waste recycling programs that come at no extra cost to consumers in order to aid in the process of reducing, reusing and recycling electronics. Retailers will also now be required to carry only brands that have registered with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010 applies to desktop and laptop computers, computer monitors and computer peripherals. The string of laws preventing e-waste will be complete in January with the prohibition of the disposal of electronic devices in landfills and incinerators.

This will directly affect Town of McCandless residents. You will no longer be able to put electronics like computers, etc. at the curb for pickup, nor will you be able to put them in your trash or recycling carts. McCandless will continue to hold e-waste collection events this coming year on Saturday, January 12, 2013 and Saturday, June 1, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other locations that will take these electronic devices are as follows:

- Best Buy Stores
- Construction Junction (214 N. Lexington Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA15208; 412-243-5025)
- Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania (Contact your local store)
- eLoop, LLC (155 Plum Industrial Court, Pittsburgh, PA15239; 724-212-3032)
- Evolution E-Cycling, LLC (704 Parkway View Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205; 412-787-1616)
- Hi-Tech Recyclers, LLC (400 Lexington Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15208; 412-731-5805)

If you have any further questions about regulations, you can contact Recycling Coordinator Maria Costanza at 412-364-0616 ext. 118.

HALLOWEEN PARADE RECAP

The 24th Annual Brook Park Halloween Parade was held on Saturday, October 27th. It was truly amazing to see all of the families that braved the weather to participate. We had 46 families pre-registered and about 100 kids. A great big thank you to all you kids who participated in the various games. Lilly Palmieri won 418 Swedish Fish candies with her guess of 418, Regan Brodine won 2,270 M&M's with her guess of 2,017, Keira Duffy won 105 Air Heads and Laffy Taffy with her guess of 109 and we had two winners, Dominic Carcia and Noah Pritchard, who won a pumpkin with a guess of 18 lbs. and it weighed 17.5 lbs. Great job, kids! Thanks so much to everyone who helped out with the parade this year, including: Jill Bradley, Jessica Deible, Amy and Jeta Kroll, Mary Pat Shanahan, Darla Carcia, Sheila Duffy and Molly Trunzo. BIG THANKS to everyone for the delicious cookies that were very much appreciated by all who attended the parade.

AVON HOLIDAY SALE

Avon Holiday books are now available. Many, many gift sets, fashion, jewelry and home décor items available for order now. Many more items to be added in future Holiday books, which arrive every other week. Great for grab bag gifts, teacher gifts, office gifts, etc. You can simply ask and receive "Holiday Gift Giving" suggestions which include ideas for putting items together to make great gifting collections to meet any and all budgets. Plus many mini versions of "Avon Favorites" that are wonderful for stocking stuffers are as low as 69c each. Gift wrap service included. Order early and take the stress out of your holiday. Books are available now. Contact Lisa Kocent today to receive books, the gift giving idea list and/or to make an appointment at LKBird79@gmail.com or 412-720-6026. You can view the current catalogue online and/or place an online order at www.youravon.com/lkocent.



DON'T FORGET ...

Town of McCandless Residents - Leaf collection ENDS on November 30, 2012. Yard waste collection ENDS December 7, 2012.



Franklin Park Residents - Christmas tree chipping will take place again this year. Christmas trees should be placed at the curb on Monday, January 7, 2013 by 7:00 am. Do not leave any plastic around the tree.

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL – COURTESY, SAFETY, LAW

Let's say this yet again:

Folks, the snow is about to fly, so it's time for a reminder of local snow removal rules and ordinances. *We encourage all*



Brook Park neighbors to remove snow and ice in a responsible and timely 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. Parking in the streets during or after a snow fall may also be limited or prohibited. Beyond the laws, it's common courtesy and a matter of simple safety to keep your sidewalks cleared.

HALLOWEEN SOCIAL BREWS UP A BLAST

As the cauldron bubbled and the ghosts and ghouls glared, over 80 Brook Park neighbors, relatives and friends partied



the hours away at the 2012 Halloween Social. Well OK, there weren't any REAL ghosts or ghouls, and the cauldron was actually more like a big vat of kielbasa and kraut, but the decoration were darling, the food was fabulous and the partying was SO good it was scary! The costumed crowd ate, drank, danced and talked, catching up with old friends and meeting

new ones. Costume prizes recognized that creative forces were afoot, with Most Original awarded to Patty Heimberger for her Chest of Drawers, Scariest to the dashing Batman and Catwoman (aka Tony Modzeleski and Donna Scott), Cutest to Father Dave Briggs and Sister Carolyn Briggs, Funniest to our favorite Blind Replacement Ref Joe Ambrosino, and the top prize for Best Overall going to the Tin Man and his beautiful Dorothy (aka, Renee and Steve Illes).



A massive thunderclap of appreciation goes out to party chairs Donna and Jim Hudson and their crew of maniacally merry committee members – Toni and Joe Ambrosino, Jennifer and Tim Brunner, Dee and Paul Katus, Laura and Dana Miller, Jeanne and Bob Nolan, and Elaine and Greg Palchak.

RESIDENT DIRECTORY UPDATED

The recently updated version of the Brook Park Residents Directory has been delivered to all PAID members of the Civic Association. If you paid your Civic dues this year and did not receive your updated copy, please contact Lisa Kocent at LKBird79@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE!

****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**

November 26, 2012	N/A	DEADLINE: To Sign Up For Centerpiece/Wreath Class
November 26, 2012**	6:30 am	Leaf Bag Collection Ends—Franklin Park Borough
November 30, 2012	N/A	DEADLINE: To Sign Up For Santa Visits
November 30, 2012**	N/A	Leaf Pick-Up Ends—Town of McCandless
December 3, 2012	N/A	Santa Visits (You must be pre-registered)
December 4, 2012	6:00 – 7:15 pm	Wreath & Centerpiece Class @ Kaelin's Farm Market
December 5, 2012	N/A	Santa Visits (You must be pre-registered)
December 7, 2012**	N/A	Yard Waste Collection Service ENDS—Town of McCandless
December 9, 2012	N/A	DEADLINE: To Purchase Luminary Kits
December 9, 2012	7:00 pm	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
December 11, 2012	10:00 - 11:30 am	Kid Connection @ Maura Rodgers'
December 20, 2012	N/A	Final Date for Luminary Kit Deliveries
January 7, 2013**	7:00 am	Christmas Tree Chipping—Franklin Park Borough
January 8, 2013	10:00 - 11:30 am	Kid Connection @ Jeannette Burholt's
January 13, 2013	7:00 pm	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
January 22, 2013	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Kid Connection @ Jennifer Kutlenios'
February 5, 2013	10:00 - 11:30 am	Kid Connection @ Adrienne Fyock's
February 10, 2013	7:00 pm	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
February 19, 2013	1:00 – 2:30 pm	Kid Connection @ My Lil Play Place--RSVP to Adrienne Fyock



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 412-364-1873.



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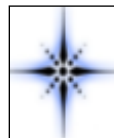
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**Helping neighbors in McCandless
and Franklin Park. We make house calls!**



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Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of Kits: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Please return cash or checks payable to:

Therese Mills

1543 King Albert (2nd house on left)

Deadline - Sunday, December 9th

Brook Park Santa Visits



*A few weeks before Christmas and all
through the plan,
Everyone is getting anxious to see
The Kris Kringle Man.
"He is 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
So Santa's helpers know who
would like a special, early,
Hello!*

Brook Park Santa Visits
Monday December 3rd and Wednesday December 5th, 2012

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

I would like Santa to visit my home:

_____ 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice

Child's Name _____ Age ____ Special Notes _____

Child's Name _____ Age ____ Special Notes _____

Child's Name _____ Age ____ Special Notes _____

I would like Santa to bring a gift(s): ____ Yes ____ No

Where will the gift(s) be left? _____

Please return this form with **\$1 per child or \$3 per Family** BY NOVEMBER 30 to:

999 Broad Meadow Drive- Lisa Kocent,

Checks made payable to: "Darla Carcia"

Please note:

- There are many children in Brook Park so visits will be limited to 15 minutes.
- Return your forms early! Time slots are limited and are on a first come basis.
- Santa can bring a gift, provided by you, which can be left outside for Santa to bring in.
- You will be contacted by email when the visits are scheduled, if you prefer by phone please include your number.