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BROOK PARK NEWS

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POOL HOURS DURING SCHOOL YEAR

Please note that the Pool does not open until 4:00 pm on days that North Allegheny schools are in session. The last day of school for NA is Thursday, June 7, 2012.

POOL CLOSINGS DURING SWIM MEETS

The Pool will close at 4:00 pm on the following dates when the Brook Park Manorays Swim Team will host meets at the Pool:

Thursday--June 14
Thursday--June 21
Tuesday-- June 26



WELCOME HOSTESS—Broadlawn & Fassinger

Please welcome Maura Rodgers as the new Welcome Hostess for the Broadlawn Drive and Fassinger Lane areas of Brook Park. Please let Maura know of new neighbors who move in on these streets.

REMINDER...

The Spring Social has been cancelled!! However, SAVE THE DATE for the Halloween Social planned for Saturday, October 27, 2012 at Franklin Park Fire Hall. Details will be provided closer to the party date.

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 March 31st. The kids enjoyed searching for eggs, visiting with the bunny and taking home candy and a treat bag. Special thanks to Darla Carcia, Molly Trunzo, Mary Pat Shanahan and Natalie Moul who helped make the day of the event run so smoothly. Your efforts were greatly appreciated! Thanks to Cara Cortazzo and Ellen Caulkins for coordinating the Egg Hunt this year.

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Dear Brook Park Residents,

It's hard to believe that it has been twenty five years since the Brook Park Swim Club opened its doors. The club has been a tremendous asset to our community throughout those years. It has always, and



continues to provide active members with a wonderful, wholesome environment in which to spend the summers enjoying friends and family. For non-active members, it has been simply an asset to our community. It is has always been a feature that has made Brook Park so sought after by home buyers, as any realtor would attest, as well as providing a beautiful green-space as you ascend into the plan.

Clearly, the club has provided all of us with various kinds of benefits, but it is also clear that the years have taken their toll on the facility. In recent years, there have been many major expenses relating to the pool itself, as well as the surrounding grounds, and the "to-do" list never seems to end. This is to be expected, but it presents immense challenges in keeping it properly maintained, attractive looking, and a safe place for our kids to play - while also keeping it financially sound.

For much of its history, the club enjoyed the benefits of more than enough active members to keep the pool's finances in a "comfortable" zone. So much so, that we became remiss at collecting and enforcing the "sustaining dues" (all non-active members were designated sustaining members by the original charter). In recent years however, as the active memberships have fallen off, and expenses have increased due to the pool's age, the board has made several appeals to non-active members to begin to pay the sustaining membership dues again. We thank the many who have supported us, and again, we ask those who have not gotten around to it to please reinstate your support in the form of the \$50 "sustaining membership" dues. Please note that this amount has never been increased since the inception of this club. Also, note that your dues entitle you to free guest passes. We would love to have any resident as a guest, and you might even find you want to get more involved.

Sustaining membership dues are used exclusively for club operations, and maintenance to the grounds including the "Gateway to Brook Park" at Fassinger Lane. All social events are financed with active membership dues and fundraising. Our fiscal condition is solvent at this time, but always tenuous, and expense is ever increasing, again due to age. I think we would all agree that letting this facility fall into disrepair and eventually shut down would not be a desirable outcome for all of us who live here and drive by it daily. We simply must have 100% support from Brook Park residents to insure that this great neighborhood asset remains viable, and does not turn into a deteriorating liability.

To insure this does not happen, and to protect this community asset and entrance to Brook Park, beginning in 2012, we are requiring all residents who are not already paying active membership dues to pay the \$50 sustaining membership dues. Beginning this year, the club will enforce back dues and penalties to residents who are in arrears. This means that all club privileges of the unpaid residence will be suspended until dues are brought current. As originally designed, this action is taken against the house, so a new home buyer would be denied membership until dues are brought current. All local realtors will be notified in writing of this action, so that all potential buyers and third parties will have this disclosure. Again, please understand this begins for 2012. We are not looking back prior to 2012 for dues.

This was not an easy decision for this current board to make, and we do hope you understand our situation. The pool adds a great deal of value to all of us - whether we use it or not. We hope you all agree that the alternative; an insolvent, overgrown eyesore leading into our plan, is simply not an option. We should all feel proud to support a viable community asset such as the pool. It really does add value to our homes, and it truly is a great place to relax and enjoy with friends and family. We hope you will join us in May for an "open" meeting. We are prepared to open our books, and address any concerns you may have. We would love to see a great turnout. Please watch the newsletter for meeting time and place.

Sincerely,
Brook Park Swim Club

4th ANNUAL "RACE FOR JOE"

Brook Park Manor hosted the "Race for Joe" on Saturday, April 7th. This year's race had 220 paid participants and netted \$3,800 which will fund scholarships for North Allegheny athletes in



remembrance of Joe Guzzetti. Our volunteers this year included Joe Migliozi, Don Haddad, Randy Thomson, Lisa Kocent, Ed Gasperich, John & Suzie

Gralewski, Rich & Mardy Byrnes, Lutz's, Katie Tully and members of the NA Girls' Softball team. We were blessed with another perfect day for running and we thank the residence of Brook Park for their patience while the race was underway! Click on this [link](#) to check out the pictures.

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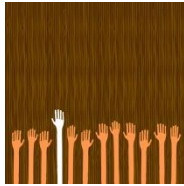
Are needed

AGAIN.....

"Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer"

Our neighborhood ROCKS – we have great people, a wonderful community atmosphere, and super fun activities. We are in danger of losing a few more activities, however. We need a chair person for:

- Ladies Night at the Pool



- Pig Roast – Co-coordinator

IF you are considering helping out, **IF** you are willing to give a little more to the neighborhood, or **IF** you have any questions ... PLEASE contact Lisa Kocent at LKBird79@gmail.com

Remember:

"Volunteers are paid in six figures: S-M-I-L-E-S"

Many thanks,

A loyal, BP volunteer – Debby Keelan

POOL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP

See the end of this newsletter for information about pool membership, a membership application form, and a calendar of all the swim meets and social events.

MEN'S NIGHT AT THE POOL

A "Men's Night" at the Brook Park pool is being planned. Details to follow in future newsletters.

RESIDENT DIRECTORY UPDATE

Reminder.....the deadline to submit changes for the Resident Directory Update is June 1, 2012. Please forward changes to: 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**

April 22, 2012	10:00 am	Men's Golf Outing @ Hartmann's G.C.
May 1, 2012	N/A	<u>DEADLINE</u> to Sign Up for Women's Golf League
May 6, 2012	7:00 pm	Civic Board Meeting at St. John Neumann
May 9, 2012	5:30 pm	Women's Golf League Begins @ Clover Hill G.C.—YOU MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED TO PLAY
May 22, 2012	10:00-11:30 am	Kid Connection @ Soergel's Playsets
June 2, 2012**	10 am – 2 pm	Electronic Recycling @ McCandless Town Hall
June 3, 2012	7:00 pm	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
July 1, 2012	7:00 0m	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
August 25, 2012	"TBD"	Annual Pig Roast & Family Picnic @ Pool
October 27, 2012	"TBD"	Halloween Social @ Franklin Park Fire Hall



BROOK PARK CLASSIFIEDS

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Joe and Toni Ambrosino
1636 King James, 412-366-2873

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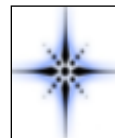
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2012 Brook Park Swim Club Membership Welcome Letter

2012 Summer Season

Dear Brook Park Manor Swim Club Members,

The Board is pleased to invite you to join the Swim and Recreation Club at Brook Park Manor for the 2012 Swim Season. Our Pool will open Saturday, May 26, 2012 and will remain fun until Labor Day, Monday, September 3, 2012.

Our rates will remain the same for this season but **THERE ARE DISCOUNTS THIS YEAR FOR APPLICATIONS RETURNED BY MAY 1, 2012.**

As always, we have an exciting season planned. There are plenty of Social opportunities planned for kids, adults and the entire family. Of course it will rain for the Elementary School Party but the show will go on. The Mexican Fiesta gets bigger every year and the Mystery Entertainment for the Pig Roast will not disappoint. (I am not talking about Kirk the Karaoke singer).

The Brook Park Manoray Swim Team is set for another successful aquatic display of competition and camaraderie. Sign the kids up and let them show their pride, cheer on their friends (old and new), and stay in shape. The Suits are cool, the Coaches Rule, the Practices are in the Pool, Let the other Teams Drool!!

Attached to this email are all of the important Club Documents: *Application, Social Calendar and Swim Team Information*. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining us at the Brook Park Swim Club, please feel free to pass this email along or encourage them to access the Club Website at www.BROOKPARKSWIMCLUB.com. Also, this year we are asking all members to consider volunteering your time and talents to make the club an even nicer place to be. We are currently looking for people to help with the Social committee, the Snack Shack committee and the Operations Committee. If interested, please email Suzanne Bridges at suzannefb@comcast.net.

The Board wishes to thank all of you for your continued support of the Brook Park Swim and Recreation Club. We are sure that you will appreciate this year's image improvements including the painted pool house, the "spruced up" Baby Pool area, and some technology upgrades. Don't forget about the Discounts until May 1st and please join us on May 12th or 19th from Noon until 3 pm. for Open House. At that time you will be able to sign up for Swim Team and Parties and view the beautiful makeover!

See You at the Pool!!!



2012 POOL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Sign Up Today for Discount and Free Passes!!!

Mail Application to: Brook Park Swim Club,
PO Box 640
Ingomar, PA 15127

Or Place in Brook Park Mailbox at:

Craig Bentzen
1503 King David Dr.
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

___	Yes, I would like to purchase 10 Guest Passes at the Discounted price of: (the cost will be \$5 per pass after May 19 th)	\$40	
		<u>Until May 1st</u>	<u>After May 1st</u>
___	Family Membership	\$465 plus 2 Free passes	\$475
___	Couples Membership	\$270 plus 2 Free passes	\$275
___	Teen/Senior Membership	\$250 plus 2 Free passes	\$255
___	Sustaining Membership (Brook Park Residents only)	\$50	\$50

Adult Name _____

Adult Name _____

Child Name _____ Age _____

Child Name _____ Age _____

Child Name _____ Age _____

Child Name _____ Age _____

Child _____ Age _____

Nanny or Other Approved Child Caretaker _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip) _____

Phone (Daytime and Emergency) _____

Email (For Pool Updates and Event Information) _____

The Undersigned hereby applies for use of the Brook Park Swim and Recreation Club facilities for the above listed persons for the 2012 Season. I/We hereby agree to acknowledge and abide by the rules set forth by the Club at all times. I/We further understand that swimming in the pool is permitted only when lifeguards are on duty and that the lifeguards are responsible for enforcement of the pool rules for the safety of you and others. I/We further acknowledge that anyone using the pool area does so at their own risk. I/We agree that in consideration for the use of the pool, I/We shall make no claim against the Brook Park Swim Club, its Board Members, agents or contractors, for any bodily injury or property damage as a result of the use of the pool or areas around the pool.

Date _____

Adult Member's Signature _____

Brook Park Swim Club **Calendar of Events** **2012**

Pool Open House and Swim Team Sign Up
 Saturdays, May 12th and 19th 12pm – 3 pm

Memorial Day Party:
 Monday, May 28th 2pm - 6pm

Elementary School Party:
 Thursday, June 7th 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Middle School Party:
 Monday, June 11th 8pm – 10pm

Adult Mixer (Summer Kick Off):
 Saturday, June 16th 7pm-10pm

4th of July Picnic:
 Wednesday, July 4th 2pm-8pm

Wrestle mania – July- TBA

Mexican Fiesta Night:
 Saturday, July 14th 5pm-10pm

Happy Hour:
 Saturday, July TBA

Dive In Movie and Sleep Under the Stars:
 Thursday, July 26th 8pm-8am

Ladies Night at the Pool:
 August (TBA) 7:30-11:30

Pig Roast:
 Saturday, August 25 - All Day until 10:00 pm



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Away Swim Meet- BPSC @ Franklin Ridge
 Tuesday, June 12th 5pm -8 pm

Home Swim Meet-Ingomar @ BPSC
 Thursday, June 14th 5pm-8pm (Pool Closes @ 4:00)

Away Swim Meet-BPSC @ Ingomar North
 Tuesday, June 19th 5pm-8pm

Home Swim Meet-Community @ BPSC
 Thursday, June 21st 5pm-8pm (Pool Closes @ 4:00)

Home Swim Meet-McCandless @ BPSC
 Tuesday, June 26th 5pm-8pm (Pool Closes @ 4:00)

Away Swim Meet-BPSC @ Shaler
 Thursday, June 28th 5pm-8pm

Away Swim Meet-BPSC @ Fox Chapel
 Thursday, July 5th 5pm-8pm

