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1. Click on "Add me to Brook Park Newsletter Mailing list".
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SOCIAL MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE FOR FORMER BROOK PARK RESIDENTS

The Civic Association Board is now offering Social Membership to past residents of Brook Park. A Social Membership offers the ability to participate in events and activities sponsored by the Civic Association and Women's Club (but does not include voting rights). Do you know of someone who would be interested in joining? The membership fee is \$30 per year. Checks are payable to: BPMCA and should be forwarded to Lisa Kocent, 999 Broadmeadow Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Please forward any questions or requests for addition information to Lisa Kocent at LKBird79@gmail.com.



NEED SNOW REMOVAL ASSISTANCE?

There are shovels willing and waiting to be found in the YOUTH SERVICES section in the front of your Brook Park Resident Directory (also check the classified ads section of every newsletter).

FEBRUARY HAPPY HOUR SCHEDULED



The next Happy Hours Group party will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2013, from 8:00 pm to midnight. Group members should have received their invitations by e-mail. If you did not receive yours, contact Lisa Kocent at LKBird79@gmail.com.

ANNUAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING - SAVE THE DATE

Save the date now - the Annual Civic Association Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2013, at 7:00 at St. John Neumann. Plan to attend to find out what is being planned where you live and also to provide your input or ask questions. Look for additional information in your mailbox during February.

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BROOK PARK - "A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE"

This past Saturday, I happened to be outside when the mailman came by. He's a nice guy and I like to say hello to him. As he handed me our mail, he commented on the two homes that recently sold on our street. One home sold in about 2 months and the other sold in 3 days! The buyers of the home that sold in three days were outside as well and spoke with him too. Anyway, the mailman began to tell me that during his tenure with the Post Office he has been in a majority of the neighborhoods in the Pittsburgh area and that in many of the "good" neighborhoods that he visits, none of the homes sell this quickly. He told me how bad some of the neighborhoods are and that we (the residents of Brook Park) are so lucky because this is one of the best that he has seen. He went on to say how all the homes are in good repair, it's a safe neighborhood, and he commented on how friendly everyone is. He mentioned that the person that bought the house up the street may feel that he paid a little too much. He followed that up with the comment that he knows that the buyer got a bargain because of the condition of the neighborhood, the friendly attitude of the residents, the privacy, and that it is a safe area to live in. He went on to compliment the McCandless Township police for what he referred to as an outstanding organization, mentioning how the residents pay attention to what goes on and report activities that cause concern. He really made my day. I wish I would have gotten his name, but I did find out that he lives in Moon. With a big smile on my face, I thanked him for his kind words.



We, the residents of Brook Park Manor, are lucky to live in such a neighborhood with good neighbors. Brook Park offers so much – everything the postman mentioned, and more. We have a great family pool with an organization that is committed to keeping it looking great and making it a safe place for our kids to work and spend time during the summer months. The entrance way to our neighborhood looks great thanks to a neighbor who does all the landscaping. Assets like the pool and entrance landscaping help keep our property values high and makes for a very enjoyable living experience. Sure, there are more exclusive neighborhoods with more expensive homes in the area. But when you look at Brook Park Manor and consider the condition of the neighborhood, the social activities sponsored by both the Pool Association and the Civic Association, you'd be hard pressed to find a better value for you your money.

I'd like to personally thank all the folks who have volunteered their time over the years to both the Pool and Civic Associations and also for their commitment and their interest in keeping our neighborhood among one of the best in the North Hills, if not the entire city. Both the Pool and Civic Associations need new volunteers to help keep the spirit of good living and good neighbors going long into the future. Please consider donating some of your time to help support our neighborhood. It will be rewarding and you can smile knowing that you've pitched in to help keep Brook Park Manor a great living experience.....Jim Kearns

CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS STILL NEEDED

We have several long-standing Civic Association Board Members resigning as of March 1, 2013. The search is on for volunteers with fresh, new ideas to join the Board. Time requirement is minimal. Monthly meeting are usually the first Sunday of every month at 7:00 pm and normally last an hour or less. You do not need to attend all meetings. Have a say in what goes on and is planned for fun in your neighborhood. Is it your turn to do your Civic Duty? To volunteer or for additional information, please contact any Board member. Names and contact information are included on the first page of every newsletter.



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, PA 15208; 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.



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**

January 24, 2013**	N/A	New Electronic Recycling Program Starts--McCandless
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
March 3, 2013	7:00 pm	ANNUAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING @ ST. JOHN NEUMANN
March 10, 2013	12:00 am	Daylight Savings Time Begins—Clocks Forward 1 Hour & Check/Replace Smoke & CO Detector Batteries
March 11, 2013**	N/A	Yard Waste Collection Resumes—Town Of McCandless
March 12, 2013	10:00 - 11:30 am	Kid Connection @ Elizabeth Betancourt's
March 19, 2013	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Kid Connection @ Ross Park Mall Playsets—RSVP to Adrienne Fyock
April 1, 2013**	7:00 am	Brush Chipping Spring Collection Begins—Franklin Park
April 7, 2013	7:00 pm	Civic Board Meeting @ St. John Neumann
April 15, 2013**	7:00 am	Spring Leaf Bag Collection—Franklin Park
April 16, 2013	1:00 – 2:30 pm	Kid Connection @ Soergel's Playsets
April 22, 2013**	7:00 am	Spring Leaf Bag Collection—Franklin Park
April 29, 2013**	7:00 am	Spring Leaf Bag Collection—Franklin Park



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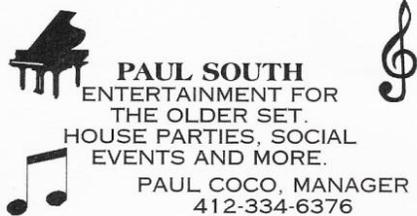
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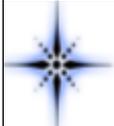
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