

# Brook Park Journal

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### Board Members New & Old

The neighborhood sends a big THANK YOU to Dave Haddad for his service as Vice President of the BPMCA Board. Dave has been a leader, a planner and our liaison with McCandless Township. He will remain a wonderful neighbor but move on to other endeavors.

Brian Dahm will now be joining the board. Brian grew up in Field Club and moved back to Brook Park in 2018 with his wife Julia. They have two exuberant children, Natalie (3) and Dale (1), and he works as a finance manager at UPMC. In his free time he loves to cook too much, listen to live music, and plays trumpet in two local bands, click [here](#) or [here](#) to learn more about his music!

### Weekly Food Trucks Return!

- March 24**, 4-7p Evil Swine BBQ with Sinkers & Suds
- March 27**, 8:30-10:30a Urban Coffee
- March 31**, 4-7p Yovi's



### Annual Brook Park Easter Egg Hunt

Spring is in the air and we...are having AN EVENT! The Easter egg hunt is a GO this year and we are egg-cited to see this tradition return. The event will be on March 27 at Wall Park at 11 AM, rain, sun, snow, sleet. In order to comply with the current mandate, masks will be required and numbers will be limited. Please know, this was a decision not made lightly. There was much debate and discussion, but with the event being outdoors and masks required we are confident the event will be safe. If you are not ready to join in a group activity, we understand and support your decision and hope to welcome you back soon. If you are ready, you can find the registration form at the end of the newsletter and we will see you on the 27th!

For those of you looking for a more physically distanced event, please stay tuned. We are gearing up for another neighborhood wide scavenger hunt at the end of April!



### Class of 2021: Send info!

Our graduating seniors have had a senior year truly like no other. It has been a sad one for many, watching the milestone events being taken away from them one by one. We may not be able to give them back a prom, performances, homecoming or senior prank BUT we can celebrate their perseverance and wish them well in their life journeys. In our [June 15](#) issue of the newsletter we would like to publish our Brook Park and Field Club high school and college graduates. In the coming weeks, look for e-blasts requesting the graduates names, future plans and pictures. Please, only submit the information the graduate is comfortable with being public knowledge. These students have worked so hard and walked through so much, they deserve this recognition. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with them!

BROOK PARK NEWSLETTER

### Call for Submissions

Don't forget! You can share your expertise in our From the Pros section. What helpful hints can you share with our neighborhood? What is your favorite memory of Brook Park? We would all love to hear it! Submit it and it will be featured in our "Resident Reflections" section. Your kids can be featured as well, and we'd love to share birth announcements or other good news! Please share their artwork and writing so we can all celebrate them! Submissions can be a PDF of a scan or a picture.

All submissions can be sent to [wilkinson.theresa@gmail.com](mailto:wilkinson.theresa@gmail.com).



### Welcome New Baby Girl!

Alyssa Clare Karayusuf,  
born January 30th, 2021

Warmest congratulations to the Karayusuf family! Alyssa has completed their family of five. Big sister Ashlee and big brother Jacob enjoyed taking Alyssa on her first walk last month.



**Heroes 4 Hannah:  
Update on Hannah Pyles**



One neighborhood superstar Hannah Pyles is just 3 years old and currently undergoing treatment for a rare form of childhood cancer. We are happy to report on another good update for Hannah this month!



*Hannah is the middle of her proton radiation treatment at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She needs 12 sessions total and we hope to be back to Pittsburgh around March 27th. This is definitely the easiest part of treatment so far and we are enjoying being all*

*together again in our camper. In fact, camping is going so well that we are looking forward to traveling a bit more this summer in between Hannah's inpatient hospital stays. Once radiation is done, Hannah will have all of her scans again to make sure she is still NED (no evidence of disease). And then she is jumping right into Immunotherapy. She's going to also be doing a clinical trial with it which does include some chemotherapy. We are hopeful that it won't make her sick like the chemo she had in the beginning. This treatment is a long road but we can finally see the light at the end of this dark tunnel. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for our family, it means the world to us.*

**Laughter is Good for You!**

With the days getting longer and warmer, we already have reason to smile, but isn't a good laugh always welcome? Remember, from stress relief to a boosted immune system, laughter is good for you, so we offer the following to help with your health.



What the most groundbreaking invention of all time?  
A shovel

I was addicted to the hokey pokey, but I turned myself around.

Why can't your nose be 12 inches long?  
Because then it would be a foot.

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon?  
Great food, no atmosphere

Which is faster, hot or cold?  
Hot, because you can catch a cold.



**Care Team**

Brook Park Manor is looking to start a care team. The goal of the care team is to help residents of Brook Park in a time of need. The care team could provide assistance with errands, grocery delivery, snow or leaf removal, or just a friendly check in. We are looking for someone to initiate and organize the care team, as well as some team members who can help out when they get a call. We are still developing this idea and what might be involved. If you are someone with a passion for community service, and want to lead this team, or if you are in need we can help. Please contact Nate Bopp by email at [nate.bopp@gmail.com](mailto:nate.bopp@gmail.com)



**WELCOME**  
to the  
**neighborhood**

**Welcome to our new neighbors the Doyles!**

Richard and Gretchen Doyle, with their two children Brynn (2) and Aria (1 month) moved into our neighborhood from Glenshaw. Richard is a civil engineer and Gretchen is a women's health nurse practitioner. They enjoy golf, running, cooking, sports (especially the Pens!) and outdoor activities. Welcome Doyles!

**New Board Member Openings**

What do you like about your neighborhood? What would you like to see added? What changes would you like to see? You could be a part of what makes our 'hood great and/or work to see the changes you want by being a part of the Civic Association board. The board currently has vacancies and is looking for individuals who want to support our neighborhood and make a difference. YOU could be the reason our neighborhood is great! Interested? Contact [brookparkmanor@gmail.com](mailto:brookparkmanor@gmail.com)





**New Feature: Entertainment Reviews** by Melissa French

*March is a time for new beginnings, and we have another new feature to share with you: film reviews! Our neighbor Melissa French is a former film studies teacher and a 10 year resident of King James, along with husband David and almost-15-year-old son, Harrison. Melissa has agreed to dust off her writing and critical thinking skills to share some reviews with us. Thank you Melissa!*

First up: One Night in Miami by Regina King. The film centers on a night in 1964 when a then-underdog named Cassius Clay defeated Sonny Liston for the Heavyweight boxing championship. After the fight, instead of raucous celebrating, Clay went to a small hotel room with singer Sam Cooke, NFL star Jim Brown and Civil Rights leader Malcolm X. The next morning, Cassius Clay announced his conversion to Islam. The lives of all four men soon changed drastically. There is no record of what actually happened in that hotel room, so this is a fictionalized account of a real event. This movie is Regina King's debut as a feature film director. She shows that she can really bring out the best in her actors, perhaps because she has been in front of the camera for so long as an award-winning actor, herself. The standout in the cast for me was Leslie Odom Jr. as Sam Cooke. Although I am not overly familiar with Cooke's performance style, I am VERY familiar with Odom Jr.'s talent, and this film really showcased his dramatic acting abilities. Previously best known as Aaron Burr in the Original Broadway Cast of Hamilton, we know Odom Jr. can SING, and he does Sam Cooke proud. Also, Kingsley Ben-Adir had big acting shoes to fill, and he brought a (rightly so) paranoid and quietly serious-but-simmering Malcolm X to the screen. My main criticism is that this film was based on a play, and it still retains a very play-like feel with lots of "stage" entrances and exits. It is set mostly in a hotel room, and its transient nature--characters in and out and in and out of the door--probably made the play dynamic to watch, but on film it felt a bit hectic. I imagine we will be seeing more from Regina King as a film director in the future, as this one's so successful. This film streams on Amazon Prime.

The next show I'd like to discuss is WandaVision, streaming on Disney+. WandaVision is a many-layered show set in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. But don't let that fool you. Whether you are a devotee of Marvel since the days when Spiderman was only to be found in comic books, or you've seen every MCU entry from Iron Man to End Game, or even if you have no idea what I'm talking about here at all, this poignant and thoughtful and visually stunning show has bowled me over with its complexity, innovation in storytelling and emotional intelligence.

For the first two episodes, the main two characters, Avengers Wanda Maximoff and Vision, are a seemingly happy couple living in a familiar black-and-white sitcom world. If you only watched those first two eps, you might chuckle at the references to classic TV like The Dick Van Dyke Show and The Brady Bunch. But if you continue watching, you are rewarded with a show that goes much deeper into our most existential questions: What does it mean to be human? How do we process grief in the modern age? What makes a family a family? But also, it's still Marvel. It's really fun and presses a lot of comic book and film nerd buttons. Ten-year-olds can watch it and enjoy it on their own level. But so can parents and grandparents, maybe more so because they "get" all the references.

Thanks to all who've read this far. Maybe that means you like talking on TV and movies, too. If you have any suggestions for future reviews, you can reach me at [mgrfrench@gmail.com](mailto:mgrfrench@gmail.com)



**Days of Celebration**

Looking for some happy? We all need some celebration in our lives, so here is this month's list of holidays and national days for a bit of sunshine. Links are provided on some days to help enhance your celebrations. Just a reminder, they are listed from the 15th-15th of the month to coincide with the publication of the newsletter. Party on! Feb 15-March 15,

March 15	National Napping Day	April 1	April Fools Day: Prank responsibly!
March 16	National Panda Day! Watch them at the National Zoo <a href="#">here</a>	April 2	World Autism Awareness Day National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day National Reconciliation Day
March 17	St. Patrick's Day!	April 3	National Chocolate Mousse Day Need a recipe? Check one out <a href="#">here</a>
March 18	Awkward Moments Day (really)!	April 4	Easter
March 19	Let's Laugh Day! Red Nose Day: A movement to end child poverty. Learn more <a href="#">here</a>	April 7	National Beer Day National No Housework Day
March 20	<b>SPRING EQUINOX!!!</b> Warmer days and shorter nights are coming! International Day of Happiness National Corn Dog Day	April 9	National Unicorn Day
March 21	National Common Courtesy Day	April 12	National Grilled Cheese Day
March 22	National Goof Off Day	April 14	National Dolphin Day You can watch Winter, the dolphin with a prosthetic tail made famous in <a href="#">Dolphin Tale</a> <a href="#">here</a>
March 24	National Cheesesteak Day	April 15	Tax Day National Take a Wild Guess Day (Why these are both on April 15 is anyone's guess)
March 27	Passover		
March 28	National Respect Your Cat Day		
March 29	National Mom & Pop Business Owners Day. Support our local businesses. They need our support more than ever.		
March 31	National Crayon Day What better way to celebrate than by watching our own Mr. Rodgers narrating a crayon factory tour. You can watch <a href="#">here</a>		

## TIPS FROM THE PROS

### Pandemic Puppy (or Dog) Tips By Dr. Michelle Henry (Isner)



It is no surprise that dog adoptions have been up over the past year. In fact, according to The Washington Post, adoption rates are up so much that some shelters are actually running out of dogs! For those of you who were lucky enough to expand your family by one furry member, Michelle Isner, a Broad Meadow resident and veterinarian, offers these three pieces of advice.

1- Socialize, socialize, socialize!!! This is extremely important for puppies. They should be exposed to noises, textures, cats, dogs, etc whatever you can do. The most important time is between 8-20 wks. During this time things like puppy classes, neighborhood dogs, friends for example. Don't take them to dog parks or pet stores where you don't know who will be there until fully vaccinated.

2- Diet- No grain-free food. Dry food is better than wet food, except for young puppies. You might need to add a little wet food. Some recommended brands that have a veterinary nutritionist on staff are Royal Canine, Hills Science Diet and Purina Pro Plan. Please, don't feed your dog people food. This can cause GI upset and obesity.

3- Obedience- This is very important for everyone in the family. It is highly recommended that all puppies and parents go through puppy or adult classes. The instructors will help with basic commands and also give tips on how to help with barking and jumping up on people for example. The most important thing to remember is ignore the bad and praise the good. This is very hard to do, but very effective. That means don't tell them NO but ignore and distract them to another behavior. Once your dog does what you want, give him/her LOTS of praise and treats.

For those of you who adopted an adult dog or who missed the puppy stage training during quarantine, don't fret! Its never too late to start!!! You can still work on socializing and there are also adult obedience classes. A few examples are Misty Pines and Humane Animal Rescue on the North Side.

Michelle is a Brook Park resident and a veterinarian at Robinson Animal Hospital who specializes in small animals (dogs, cats and exotics). You can reach her at [gentlevets@gmail.com](mailto:gentlevets@gmail.com)

## TIPS FROM THE PROS



### The Housing Market Continues to be Hot!

In just the past year, the median sales price of a home in Brook Park has increased by over \$31K! There's a reason that the "for sale" signs you see in the neighborhood disappear so quickly—people are eager to buy here!

If you're interested in selling your home, now is the time. Houses are often on the market for less than two weeks right now. Since I live right here in Brook Park, I know the market and have a list of potential buyers looking to make their home here. Don't miss the

opportunity to take advantage of this very hot market. While you're at it, let's look at a new home for you! With interest rates at historical lows, now's the time to purchase.

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### Tips for Document Review and Signing

from: Lara Heather Sees, Notary Public

Hello Brook Park Neighbors! Now is a great time to get your personal documents in order such as wills, powers of attorney, trusts and insurance policies. These documents should be reviewed at least every 5 years, or at the time of a life event such as a birth, death, move to another state or country, or any other event such as a change in the laws or financial circumstances.

When signing these and other important documents, use the following tips to ensure your document has been properly executed:

1. ALWAYS read the entire document before signing. Yes, you may have complete trust in the professional with whom you are working, and that document may seem very long to read, but **everyone** is human and makes mistakes. Make sure your wishes are expressed in the proper manner and that names and information are spelled correctly—*especially those of your beneficiaries!*
2. Make sure your signature is legible, and your name is signed exactly as it is written in the document. For example, if your legal name is John Ronald Milton Johnson, even though you are known as “Milt” or “Millie” to friends or family, you should not sign Milt Johnson or Millie Johnson. Your full legal name (which should also be stated in the document) is what should be on the signature line.
3. USE BLUE INK. Always sign your documents in blue ink, so you can be sure it is an original signature. The blue ink stands out among the black printed text of a document. I always use a good-quality ink pen to sign my documents, as it leaves a clean and legible signature, even on photocopies.
4. Do not leave any blank spaces in the document. If there are blank spaces within the document when it comes time for you to sign, either draw a line straight through it with the blue pen you are using to sign, or simply write “N/A” on that line.
5. If at the time of signing any handwritten changes are made, it is important to initial those changes, as well as have all signing parties initial each page of the document. Initialing each page will not only ensure that no additional information or pages were added to the document after it was executed, but it is also a way to show that each page has been viewed and acknowledged by the signing parties. This is especially important in documents such as wills and powers of attorney.
6. If your document requires a Notary signature and stamp, do not forget to have proper photo ID with you as well as any witnesses required for your signature on each document. A notary should ask to see your photo ID before the documents are signed and may ask some brief questions to verify that you are who you present yourself to be, and that you fully understand the contents of the document you are signing. It is important to note that witnesses cannot be “involved” within the document. Meaning, they cannot be named in the document as an agent, beneficiary or executor, as they would have to sign on a specific line for each document in which they are named. Neighbors and friends who know you can be great signature witnesses.

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### Kids Corner featuring Hannah & Naomi Rattigan

Hannah (4) is practicing coloring in the lines and learning to write her name. Naomi (2) is learning her colors and as you can see in one of her masterpieces, likes to draw balloons, roads, and worms (or so she tells us).



The girls have been enjoying the snow so we recently brought some inside and painted with food coloring.



## Resident Reflections: 1983 Home Expo, Part 2

It's time again to hop into our time machines and head back to 1983, back to Madonna, mauve, and possibly before many of you were born. In 1983, the Northern Pittsburgh Housing Expo was held right here in our own Brook Park neighborhood. Different builders and architects were invited to design homes and showcased in our up-and-coming neighborhood that was dripping with grace and charm. The homes are located on King Charles, from Woodview to the cul-de-sac and King David. These lovely residences belong to the Hunker family and the McCall/Varmin Family, both lovely families and great assets to our community.



Reminiscent of "Olde Country English Estates", this new custom-built home combines the look of elegance and style with the modern touch of today's active family.

Traditional wall coverings enhance the foyer with ceramic tile, heavy crown moldings and hand-made oak staircase. The first floor den has built-in bookcases for an uncluttered look. "Warm and Cheery" describes the large kitchen equipped with Keele & Merritt appliances, featuring a convertible grill and cooktop, microwave oven, built-in oven, dishwasher and disposal. Cabinets are of Golden Pine wood that blend with the Country English theme of this home. Sliding doors from the breakfast nook lead to an inviting large treated-wood deck.

Formal living and dining rooms are framed in rich crown moldings. The center of this home is the large family room with its magnificent fireplace centerpiece and

French doors leading to a large level yard.

Following the staircase to the second floor, you'll find four family-sized bedrooms, 2 full baths and a conveniently located vaulted laundry room w/ skylight.

The master suite accommodates a private, but sunny, sewing nook, has cathedral ceiling w/ recessed lighting and private full bath.

This home has a full basement with a full bath, and a two-car garage. It features an alarm system; concrete driveway; extra-large hand-made wood deck; heavy insulation package; new energy-efficient furnace; double insulated aluminum clad wood windows; imported hand-carved front door with sidelights; landscaping, and quality construction thru-out. This is another in a fine collection of unique and elegant homes designed and built by Pelly Custom Homes.

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### the Juliet

Reminiscent of the Early 1900's but with a contemporary flair and all the amenities of today, this home easily lends itself to formal or informal living. Stepping into the gracious open entry, your eyes lead through a full 36 feet of the home to the rear breakfast atrium room overlooking the outdoors. Authentic cherry cabinetry abounds throughout this magnificent home. A complete wet bar with sink and refrigerator is naturally provided off the spacious family room. Other features include: two ceramic tile bathrooms, two powder rooms, a skylit dressing room off the master suite, 1st floor laundry room, walk-in food pantry, central AM-FM intercom, and of course, air-conditioning and air cleaner.

Is the Juliet as romantic as it sounds? Well...sort of. Lillian says, "The description itself is eloquently worded and surprisingly accurate, although they left out a few enticing details: the Winchester House-like hallways that go nowhere, the main floor powder room complete with a wood-paneled vanity with brass sink and a high-tank, pull chain toilet (very 1900s), and that the breakfast atrium is essentially a greenhouse that renders the kitchen area unusable in the afternoon sun."

Yes, maybe, like the Hunker's home, the builders should have put a little more thought into some of their choices. Lillian went on to say, "We wish the builders would have focused more on the quality of the structural components rather than on the finishes--as we've progressed with our renovations, we've encountered a lot of cut corners and inefficiencies. Still, the overall design concept is beautiful and the view from the back is amazing--not to mention, our neighbors and the neighborhood itself make it all worth it!"

Lillian concludes, "In all seriousness, though, we really love this house, and we did buy it in large part because we wanted a project and it was desperate for some TLC."

Much like the Hunkers, the McCall/Darmin family have found themselves overhauling the home they love. We're glad you made the choice to tackle this particular project McCall/Darmin family and hope the renovations go as smoothly as possible!

This description paints a pretty high standard of living, elegance and style. Does it live up to that? According to Diane, yes! It does. Diane says, "We fell in love with our house instantly and thought it was perfect for our family. It did meet our expectations as described 20+ years ago. We are the second owners though. Since then, we have made significant structural changes to the first floor just to have a more open floor plan. The upstairs is still the same, although every room has been updated cosmetically since we bought the house in 1999. Since the builders didn't put all hardwood floors in, we have since done that throughout the whole house. We are getting ready to pull the carpet off the stairs and refinish the original oak stairs that the builder put in. The last room that needs a full overhaul is the finished basement. I'm sure the architects meant well, but it really could use a total redesign."

It sounds like the Hunkers have made it theirs and we're glad they have!

Thank you to the four families that have participated so far. We have just one more installment to our 1983 Housing Expo series to include next month. As a reminder, four of these homes won awards! If you have any information regarding these awards or homes, we would love to hear from you to follow up. Please contact Heather Byers at [byers\\_heather@hotmail.com](mailto:byers_heather@hotmail.com) with information. If you know your home was included in the expo and haven't seen the sketch or description, you are welcome to contact Heather and she will forward you the information.



# hop on over!

brook park manor's  
annual easter egg hunt

## saturday march 27 at 11am

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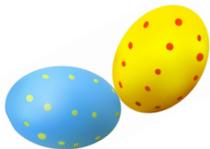
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