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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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ANNUAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING — SAVE THE DATE

Please save this date! The Annual Civic Association meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2013, at 7:00 at St. John Neumann. Make time to attend to find out what is being planned where you live and also to provide your input or ask questions. You should have recently received information from the Civic Association Board in the mail. If you did not, please contact Lisa Kocent at LKBird79@gmail.com.

EASTER EGG HUNT SCHEDULED

Saturday, March 23, 2013, is the date set for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Wall Memorial Park on Sloop Road. The Egg Hunt starts at 11:00 am and will take place sunshine, snow or rain. Deadline to register is Thursday, March 14th. We are adding some new activities after the hunt this year and are still in need of some parents and/or older kids to help out with these new activities. No experience necessary. Help us to make this a memorable egg hunt for our kids! See the attached flyer for all the egg-citing details!

GARAGE SALE COORDINATOR NEEDED

The Bi-Annual Brook Park Garage Sale will be offered this year. A coordinator is needed to plan the event. Anyone interested should contact 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).

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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 additional information to Lisa Kocent at LKBird79@gmail.com.

MANY THANKS TO DEPARTING CIVIC BOARD MEMBERS

The Civic Board wishes to thank the following departing Board members for their time and talent while serving on the Civic Association Board. Many thanks from all to Jim Kearns, Debby Keelan and Greg Palchak. Thanks also to their families who provided support, performed a lot of work, fielded calls, collected needed items, etc.

WELCOME TO THE BOARD!

Please welcome Drew Fyock to the Civic Association Board. Drew and his family moved to Brook Park during May of 2012. Drew has recently set up the new Brook Park Facebook page, which is a great resource for posting communications, ads, community information, etc. Follow this link to view and Like the page: www.facebook.com/BrookParkManor. If you have information for the Brook Park Facebook page, please contact Drew. His number can be found in the Board of Governors listing on the first page of every newsletter.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD AND POOL BOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy Creative Cooking, Bunco, the Easter Egg Hunt, Pig Roast and many more of the social groups and events in Brook Park? Thank a volunteer. Do you enjoy the retention of high home values and the speed with which homes sell in Brook Park? Thank a volunteer. Do you enjoy the monthly newsletter, the Brook Park website and the other avenues of communication? Thank a volunteer. Do you enjoy the community pool and all it has to offer you and your family during the summer? Thank a volunteer.

The Civic Association and the Pool both have several openings for board members. Both need volunteers to fill these positions. If you enjoy one or more of all the amenities that Brook Park has to offer, is it time to offer your help? Most of the volunteers that currently serve have full time jobs and families but still take the time to ensure that all the things that make Brook Park special continue to be offered. Time commitment is what you are willing to give. 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 or Lisa Kocent at LKBird79@gmail.com.

FIELD CLUB NON-VOTING CIVIC BOARD ALTERNATE POSITION AVAILABLE

The Civic Association Board is seeking a volunteer from the Field Club Social membership to serve as a non-voting, alternate on the Civic Association Board. Representation from Field Club would be a welcome addition. If interested, contact any Civic Association Board member.

GROUND HOG DAY GAMES TOURNAMENT

The Happy Hours group gathered on a cold and snowy evening on February 2 at the home of Steve and Renee Illes. Attendees participated in chosen games in the "Ground Hog Day Games Tournament". Great food, camaraderie and fun were had by all. New friendships were forged and great ideas for future parties formulated. Big thanks go to Steve and Renee for opening up their home for the party. Thanks also to Lisa Kocent and her committee for organizing the evening. And now, the Ground Hog Day Games Tournament winners:

Darts—Dave Bauer
9-Ball—Don Haddad
Bumper Pool—Laura Miller

CALENDAR ITEM FOR TOWN OF MCCANDLESS RESIDENTS

Yard Waste Collection resumes for residents of the Town of McCandless on March 11, 2013.

NEED SOMEWHERE TO RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONIC WASTE?

Ecycling Recycling, LLC (...From Bytes to Bits), a free electronic recycling center in Wexford, held its grand opening on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013. Ecycling is opening its doors to those who need a place to properly dispose of electronics.

Pennsylvania is now one of 25 states that will implement laws on electronic waste. Bottom line: you can no longer leave your electronics at the curb and expect the garbage truck to pick up.

Ecycling accepts desktop and notebook Pcs and servers, computer mice and keyboards, printers and copiers, televisions, monitors, small kitchen appliances (mixers, toasters), stereo equipment (including car stereos), laser, multifunction scanners and fax machines, video game consoles, electronic cables, microwaves, VCR & DVD players, cell phones, telephones and phone systems, zip drives and PDAs. The best part...it's all free!

Ecycling does accept some other items, at a fee. These include lamps (fluorescent lighting, incandescent, halogen, mercury vapor, HIDS), CDs, DVDs, floppy disks, magnetic tapes (VHS, cassette, DAT LTO), Freon-containing appliances (small air conditioning units, dehumidifiers and household batteries (lithium ion, NiCAD, NiHM, Alkaline).

Ecycling Recycling, LLC is located at 11490 Perry Highway Wexford, PA 15090. Their hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

For more information, you can visit their web site at www.ecyclingrecycling.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

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 14, 2013	N/A	DEADLINE: To Sign Up For Easter Egg Hunt
March 19, 2013	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Kid Connection @ Ross Park Mall Playsets—RSVP to Adrienne Fyock
March 23, 2013	11:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt @ Wall Memorial Park—Sloop Road
April 1, 2013**	7:00 am	Brush Chipping Spring Collection Begins—Franklin Park
April 7, 2013	7:00 pm	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room
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
May 5, 2013	7:00 pm	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room
May 21, 2013	10:00–11:30 am	Kid Connection @ Cara Cortazzo's

BROOK PARK CLASSIFIEDS

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

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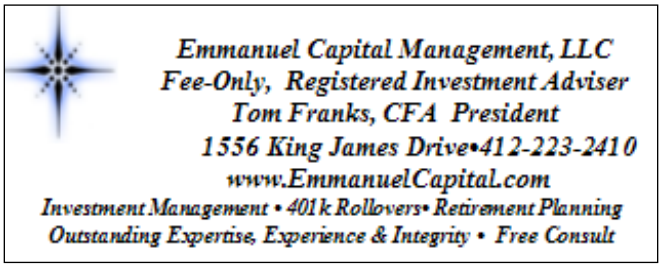

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HOP ON OVER TO
BROOK PARK MANOR'S
ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 23rd, 2013 at 11: 00 AM
Wall Memorial Park on Sloop Road
Sunshine, snow or rain
For children up to and including age 12
Limit of 1 dozen eggs per child
New this year: cookie table/hot chocolate, games, face painting!!!
Be the first to find the golden egg and win a prize!!!
Cost: Civic Association Members: $5.00/child
Non-Members: $6.00/child
Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 14th, 2013
Please direct questions to Darla Carcia at 412 367 0810 (darlayjoey@aol.com)
OR Cara Cortazzo at 412 548 3834 (caracortazzo@gmail.com)

Name: _____
Are you willing to donate 1 dozen cookies for the cookie table? Y or N
Can you assist either prior to or on the day of the event? Y or N
Are you a Civic Association member? Y or N

Child's Name _____ age 0-3 4-6 7-12 yrs old

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Please return form + check/cash by March 14th to:
Cara Cortazzo, 1601 King James Drive; Checks payable to BPMCA