

Brook Park News

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BROOK PARK NEWS

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SANTA VISITS

Santa Claus is coming to town! That's right. Santa himself will be visiting the children of Brook Park the evenings of Monday, December 16th and Tuesday, December 17th. Please complete the attached form and return it to Darla Carcia no later than December 8th to schedule a visit!

FIND BROOK PARK ON FACEBOOK

This is a great way to get the word out quickly when you have items for sale, requests for contractor recommendations, advertise your services, etc. Spread the word and LIKE the page TODAY!!!! facebook.com/brookparkmanor

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HALLOWEEN PARADE RECAP

The 25th Annual Brook Park Halloween Parade was held on Saturday, October 26th. It was truly amazing to see all of the families and the many great costumes! We had 37 families pre-registered about 90 kids. A great big thank you to all you kids who participated in the various games....now the winners are:



Ben Allshouse won the Starbursts guessing 127, Layla Haddad won the Jolly Ranchers guessing 160, and Kendall Trunzo won the Rolos guessing 286. We had four winners Arianna Stuart, Fiona Kalcevic, Keira Duffy and Ginger Tegtmeier who won gift cards to Bruster's with a guess of 10 lbs. and it weighed 9.8 lbs. Great Job Kids! Thanks so much to everyone who helped out with the parade this year, including: Suzanne Bridges, Lily and Zack Deible, Nicole Gronsky, Amy and Jeta Kroll, Mary Pat Shanahan.

Thank you to everyone for the delicious cookies that were very much appreciated by all who attended. *Thanks to Molly Trunzo for coordinating this event!*

OKTOBERFEST PARTY – “PROST!”



Oktoberfest party planning committee members

Many a “stein” was hoisted on Saturday evening October 26, 2013 at the Franklin Park Fire Hall. Attendees feasted on Oktoberfest themed foods, enjoyed German beer while participating in the Beer Identification Contest, and danced to tunes provided by DJ Dave Hindmarch, all while enjoying the company of the other 95 friends and neighbors who attended. Many thanks goes to the committee leader, Donna Hudson (along with the very helpful Jim Hudson) and committee members Sally Swegan, Lisa Kocent, Paul Katus, Patty Basara, Phyllis Musial, Mary Pat Shannahan, Sandy Schuster and Jan Haddad. Thanks also to Dee Katus who manned the check-in table like a pro and to the now famous Master Bar Tender Paul Katus. A great time was had by all. Next year's fall party theme will be Halloween!!!!



Beer Identification Contest winners

SNOW & ICE REMOVAL ORDINANCES

Not too long from now, the “white” stuff will begin to fall. Now is a good time to review local Snow & Ice removal ordinances. Please visit your local municipality's web site to view specifics. 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, its common courtesy and a matter of simple safety to keep your sidewalks cleared.



IMPORTANT DATES: TOWN OF McCANDLESS

Leaf Pick-Up Begins on October 21 and ends on November 27, 2013. Yard Waste Collection ENDS on December 6, 2013.

IMPORTANT DATES: FRANKLIN PARK

Leaf Bag Pick-Up is on Mondays only and will occur on November 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2013. Bags must be placed at the curb by 6 am on the collection dates.

NEW NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

Recently, the Glassers moved into Brook Park Manor from the Wexford area. They can be reached via the following contact information:

Chad & Lauren Glasser
8018 Broadlawn
glasser.chad@gmail.com
and lateschemacher@gmail.com

Welcome Chad & Lauren!

WHEN SELLING YOUR HOME IN BROOK PARK

Please remember to provide your realtor and/or potential buyers with a copy of the protective covenants covering your Phase of Brook Park when selling your Brook Park home. Doing so will eliminate potential issues with the closing of your sale. A copy the protective covenants can be viewed and printed from the Brook Park website: www.brookparkmanor.com.



SOCIAL MEMBERSHIPS FOR FORMER BROOK PARK RESIDENTS AND FIELD CLUB RESIDENTS

The Civic Association Board offers Social Memberships to past residents of Brook Park and Field Club residents. A Social Membership offers the ability to participate in events and activities sponsored by the Civic Association and Women's Club (does not include voting rights). Do you know of someone who would be interested in joining? Membership Fee is \$30 per year. Checks are payable to: BPMCA and should be forwarded to: Lisa Kocent, 999 Broadmeadow Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Forward any questions to 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 25, 2013**	6:00 am	Leaf Bag Pick-Up—Franklin Park
November 27, 2013**	N/A	Leaf Pick-Up Ends—Town of McCandless
December 6, 2013**	N/A	Yard Waste Collection Ends—Town of McCandless
December 8, 2013	N/A	DEADLINE: To Purchase Luminary Kits
December 8, 2013	N/A	DEADLINE: To Sign Up For Santa Visits
December 8, 2013	7:00 pm	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room
December 16, 2013	TBD	Santa Visits
December 17, 2013	TBD	Santa Visits
December 17, 2013	1:00-2:30 pm	Kid Connection @ Lauren Vales'
January 6, 2014**	7:00 am	Christmas Tree Pick-Up—Franklin Park
January 7, 2014	10:00 am	Kid Connection @ Science Center
January 12, 2014	7:00 pm	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room
January 21, 2014	1:00 pm	Kid Connection @ Ross Park Mall
February 2, 2014	7:00 pm	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room
February 11, 2014	1:00 – 2:30 pm	Kid Connection @ Darla Carcia's
February 25, 2014	10:00 am	Kid Connection @ Chuck E Cheese

Santa Visits 2013



*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

Santa is coming Monday December 16 and Tuesday December 17th.

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 _____

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Child's name _____ Age ____ Special notes _____

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

Where will the gifts be left? _____

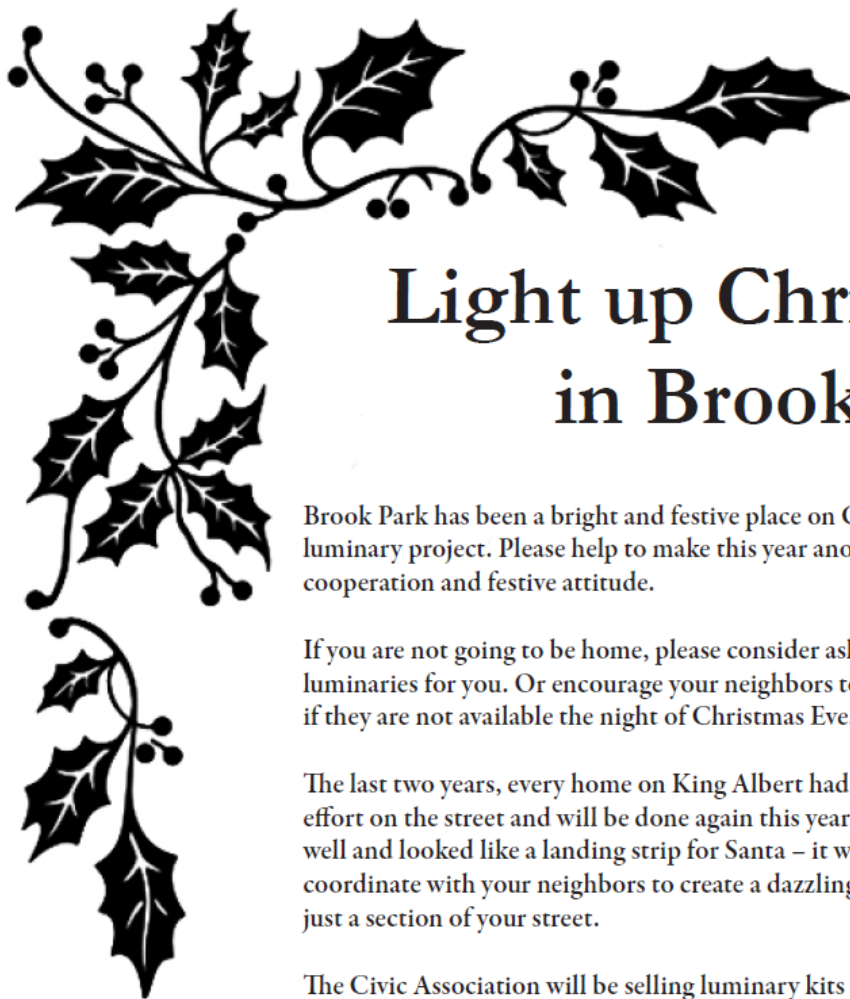
Please return this form with \$1 per child or \$3 per family; BY DECEMBER 8th to:

997 Broad Meadow Drive- Darla Carcia

Checks are also made out to: Darla Carcia

PLEASE NOTE:

- There are many children in Brook Park, so visits are limited to 15 minutes.
- Return your forms early! Time slots are LIMITED and are on a first come basis.
- Santa will "bring in" a gift that you provide, but please specify where outside the gift will be place.
- You will be contacted by email with date/time of your visit. Any questions contact Darla at darlayjoey@aol.com or Judy at jkellyacheson@mac.com.



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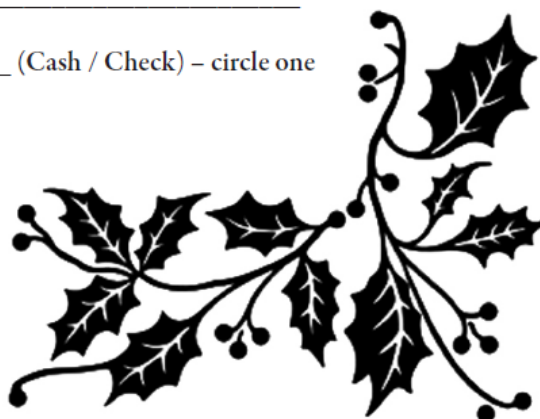
Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of Kits: _____ Amount Enclosed _____ (Cash / Check) – circle one

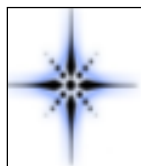
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DEADLINE – Sunday, December 8th





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(Interviews welcome!)

Mila is currently involved in "Babysitting
101" through Children's Hospital of UPMC &
volunteers as a caregiver with the Preschool
Program at Blueberry Hill. She currently
babysits a 5 year old boy; references are
available.

Mila is an honor roll student, trained
competitive swimmer & has played soccer
since she was 5. She enjoys basketball and
will try her hand at Volleyball this
fall/winter. She is eagerly looking forward
to babysitting in the Brook Park community
where she resides!

Elementary Tutor/Pet & House Sitter

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