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BROOK PARK NEWS

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DID YOU COMPLETE AND SUBMIT YOUR ANNUAL SURVEY?

Included with your annual letter and dues invoice was a survey to complete asking for the preferred method of receiving your annual mailing from the Civic Association. If you have not yet completed your survey, please do so as soon as possible and return to Lisa Kocent, 999 Broadmeadow Drive or submit by e-mail to: LisaKocent.BPMCA@gmail.com. Thanks!!

AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Boy Scout Troop 329 of McCandless and Memorial Park Church (EPC) will have bins available in two locations for collection and proper retirement of used American flags. Flags should be removed from any poles or attachments before placing in the provided recycling bin located at McCandless Town Hall (9955 Grubbs Road) or at the Memorial Park Church (8800 Peebles Road).

The bin located at Town Hall can be found in the main lobby area. Residents can access this bin Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The Boy Scouts of America were given the responsibility for patriotism and citizenship development and the privilege to retire old or tattered American flags in a proper and respective manor as prescribed by the U.S. Flag Code. If you have any questions, please contact Paul H. Wain, scoutmaster of McCandless Troop 329, at scoutmaster@mail.mpctroop329.org.

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.

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

We are seeking a volunteer to serve in the role of Newsletter Editor. This is a monthly responsibility that takes approximately 2-3 hours (less some months). Best job in the neighborhood, 'cause you keep up on all the news and happenings, and you can do it at any hour of the day or night that fits your schedule. Please contact Lisa Kocent at LisaKocent.BPMCA@gmail.com if interested or with questions.

BROOK PARK FACEBOOK PAGE

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.

SAVE THE DATE—Pig Roast and Family Picnic. Saturday, August 23, 2014.

SAVE THE DATE for the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 7:05 pm vs. The Cubs.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES NOW DUE

2014-2015 Civic Association dues were due March 1. Dues enable members to participate in civic-sponsored events and groups (including Women's Club groups). Dues are $30 per year and are payable to "BPMCA". Dues may be dropped off with Membership Coordinator Jessica Deible (1607 King James Drive), any Civic Board member, or you can pay via Paypal. See below.

ANNUAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES MAY BE PAID VIA PAYPAL

Civic Association membership dues may now be paid via your Paypal account or credit card! To do so, go to www.brookparkmanor.com and click on Pay Now.

EASTER EGG HUNT RECAP

The Annual Brook Park Easter Egg Hunt took place on April 12, 2014, at Wall Memorial Park. The weather was beautiful this year! A total of 43 children participated in the Egg Hunt. Three children found a golden egg and won cash prizes and treats! The children also enjoyed visiting with the Easter Bunny and playing on the outdoor play set.

Congratulations to the winners of the Bunny Hop races and to Alaina W. for guessing the closest number of jelly beans in the jelly bean jar. Thanks to Reya Hayes for helping set things up and for ALL of the peeps and jelly beans! Thank you to everyone who donated cookies. For the second consecutive year, Ali Cummings brought smiles with her wonderful face painting skills. A special thank you goes to Natalie Moul for helping to make the egg hunt extra special for the children. A big thank you to our photographer, Angela Marsico. Look for your Easter Bunny photos in your email.

As always, we would like to thank Lisa Kocent for all of her help behind the scenes. Finally, thanks to the Egg Hunt Coordinators--Nicki Gronsky, Rachel Tengowski, Tennille Bunger, Lanie Tofil, Cara Cortazzo and Darla Carcia for getting things done in a very short timeframe. HAPPY EASTER!

MEN'S NIGHT AT THE POOL 2014

DRINK. EAT. BOAST. LAUGH. REPEAT.

Drink beer, tell stories, talk smack about the other guy's team, and eat unhealthy food. Stand around the flickering flames of the fire pit like our ancestors have for thousands of years. Smoke 'em if you got 'em, don't smoke 'em if you don't feel like it. Odds are a card game may break out as the night deepens.

FREE! No signup cost. Bring whatever you want to drink, beer or otherwise. Bring some manly food to share, if you want. But most importantly bring yourself! Show up with no food or drink, no problem… someone will hand you one of their beers and welcome you heartily to the tribe.

Pool Pavilion, Saturday, June 28th, 8pm until whenever we feel like going home. If you have a graduation party to attend that day, don't think of it as a schedule conflict, think of it as pre-gaming to warm you up for Men's Night. We don't start until 8pm and typically go to well after midnight (the last two years wrapped up at 2am and 3am respectively), so if your other event wraps up before midnight, just roll from that one to Men's Night.

RSVP to Dennis Moul (dennis-bpm@HQ99.NET) just for a headcount (did we mention FREE?)

CHEMICAL RECYCLING EVENT

Pennsylvania Resources Council and Zero Waste Pittsburgh will hold a Household Chemical Collection at North Park Swimming Pool parking lot on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for a fee of two dollars per gallon (cash only).

Acceptable items include aerosol cans, automotive fluids, batteries, chemistry sets, compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs), gasoline and kerosene, household cleaners, mercury, paint products, pesticides/herbicides, photo chemicals, and pool chemicals.

They **will not** accept ammunition, appliances, bulk waste, commercial and industrial waste, compressed gas cylinders, drugs, explosives, flares, fluorescent tubes, leaking containers, medical waste, PCBs and dioxin, radioactive materials, and tires.

The next collection is scheduled for May 17 in Cambria County. For more information about these collections, please visit www.prc.org or call 412-488-7452.

ANIMAL WASTE ORDINANCES & FINES

Spring is here (despite the weather). It's time for a gentle reminder about cleaning up after your pets. Nothing is more annoying than finding "gifts" left on your property by the dogs and cats of your Brook Park neighbors. Animal owners are required by town ordinances to remove their pet's waste immediately from the property of another resident. Failure to do so could result in a fine of $100 for each occurrence. Failure to pay this fine could result in a 30-day imprisonment. If you see someone not cleaning up their pet's waste from your property, immediately contact your local police and report the violation. Pet owners, please be responsible and pick up your pet's waste from your neighbor's property immediately.

TOWN OF McCANDLESS REFUSE COLLECTION: UPDATED CUSTOMER HANDBOOK

The Town of McCandless will be ordering new customer handbooks as a resource for all residents. The original handbooks were delivered with your cart at the outset of our new automated trash, recycling, and yard waste program.

A copy of the handbook can be found at our web site at www.townofmccandless.org. If you wish to have a paper copy, we invite you to pick one up at Town Hall (located at 9955 Grubbs Road) starting Monday, March 24, 2014.

Changes include pricing for bulk items, contact information, e-waste information, and recycling resources.

COUPONS AVAILABLE!

Wholesale Mulch & Gravel located on Rochester Road near Sir Pizza has generously donated mulch to the Pool this spring. In thanks, we are providing Brook Park residents with money-saving coupons for mulch and other landscape supplies. Coupons are attached to this newsletter. Contact information is included on the coupons.

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Civic Association Board offers Social Memberships to past residents of Brook Park and to Field Club residents. 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? 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 LisaKocent.BPMCA@gmail.com.

Brook Park Swim Club
Calendar of Events
2014

www.brookparkswimclub.com

Pool Open House and Swim Team Sign Up
Saturday, May 17th 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Pool Opening Day
Saturday, May 24th

Memorial Day Party:
Monday, May 26th 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Elementary School Party:
Thursday, June 12th 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Adult Mixer (Summer Kick Off):
Saturday, June 14th 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Middle School Party:
Monday, June 16th 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Men's Night:
Saturday, June 28th 7:00 pm - 12:00 pm

4th of July Picnic:
Friday, July 4th 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Wrestle mania – July- TBA

Mexican Fiesta Night:
Saturday, July 12th 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Dive-In Movie and Sleep Under the Stars:
Thursday, July TBA 8:00 pm – 8:00 am

Ladies Night at the Pool:
Thursday, August 14th 7:30 pm - 11:30 pm

Pig Roast:
Saturday, August 23rd All Day until 10:00 pm

Brook Park Swim Team
Swim Meets Calendar
2014

Home Swim Meet—Chapel Gate @ BPSC
Tuesday, June 17th---5:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Pool Closes @ 4:00 pm)

Home Swim Meet-Ingomar @ BPSC
Friday, June 20th---5:00 pm-8:00 pm (Pool Closes @ 4:00 pm)

Home Swim Meet-North Boros @ BPSC
Tuesday, June 24st---5:00 pm-8:00 pm (Pool Closes @ 4:00 pm)

Away Swim Meet-BPSC @ Valley Brook
Thursday, June 26th---5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Away Swim Meet-BPSC @Richland
Tuesday, July 1st---5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Away Swim Meet-BPSC @ Adams Ridge
Tuesday, July 8th---5:00 pm-8:00 pm

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 28, 2014**	7:00 am	**Spring Leaf Bag Pick-Up—Franklin Park Residents
May 4, 2014	10:00 am	Men's Golf Outing @ Hartmann's Deep Valley GC
May 4, 2013	7:00 pm	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room
May 6, 2014	10:00-11:30 am	Kid Connection @ Holly Kikel's
May 31, 2014**	10 am-2 pm	**Goodwill E-Waste Collection @ McCandless Town Hall
June 1, 2014	7:00 pm	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room
June 28, 2014	8:00 pm	Men's Night @ The Pool--Brook Park Pool Pavilion
August 23, 2014	All Day Event	Pig Roast & Family Picnic
September 13, 2014	7:05 pm	Pirate Game vs. The Cubs
September 13, 2014	12:00-9:00 pm	McCandless Community Day @ McCandless Town Hall

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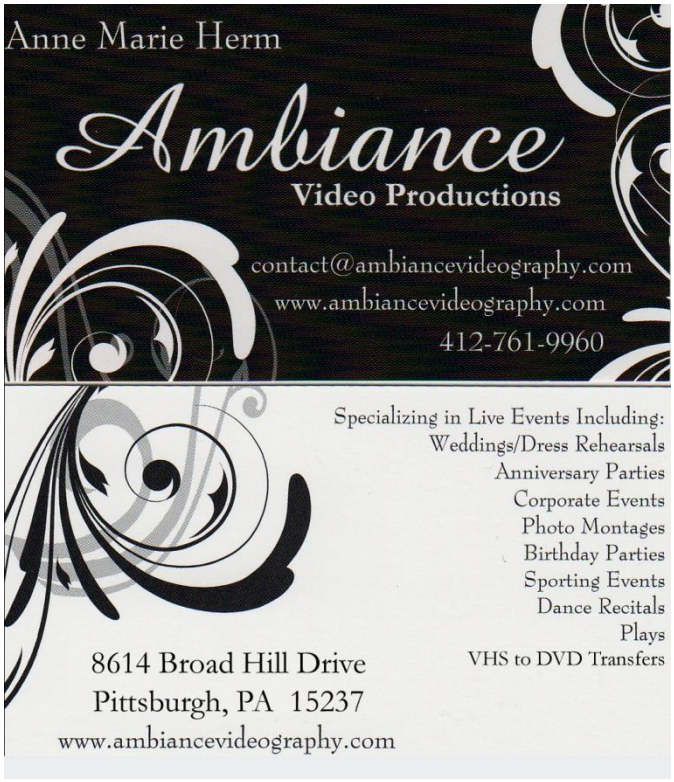
Need a Babysitter?

If in need of a responsible part-time babysitter, contact Mila Kalcevic.

Call 412-548-3215 or 412-726-4868
(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!



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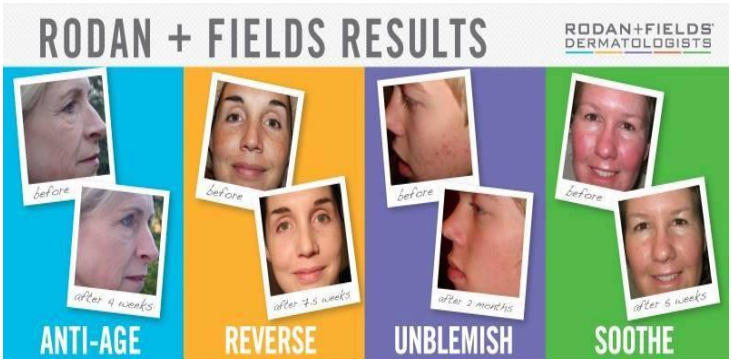

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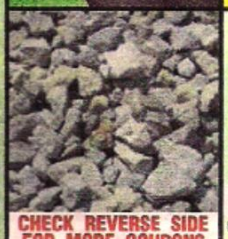

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