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Welcome Newsletter Editor

Welcome to our newest newsletter editor, Gwen Myslinski. Many thanks to Donna Hudson who has served as our editor for many years.



Her time, talent, and great additions to this Newsletter publication are very much appreciated. Thanks Donna! Thanks Gwen!

Men's Night Recap

A sudden thunderstorm right at the start time for Men's Night dampened our chairs but not our spirits, and after it cleared we proceeded to have a downright good time. The fire pit was brought out and stoked high, with new ceramic lawnprotection boards under it that did not burn up like the ones at Adult Night did (oops). Atendees ate excellent home-made wings and played many rollicking corn hole, and there was even some late night swimming. Thanks all for another enjoyable and successful Men's Night. Thank to Dennis Moul for coordinating this event!



Halloween Social

When: Saturday, October 18, 2014 Where: Franklin Park Fire Hall

Volunteers Needed

The Halloween social needs a group

of volunteers ASAP, scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2014. If interested or for additional information, contact Lisa Kocent at: LisaKocent.BPMCA@gmail.com or any BPMCA board member. Contact information on Page 1 of this newsletter.

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Cycling Partners Wanted

My name is Bill, I live in Brook Park, and I am an avid road cyclist. I am looking for a partner or 2 to ride with. Riding in a group is less dangerous and I would like to join

others that I see riding through Brook Park Manor. I routinely do 1,500 to 2,000 miles a year with rides ranging from 1 hour to 3+ hrs. Also, I am looking for someone to ride with me on the Mon Valley Century (http://www.monvalleycentury.org/) Aug. 10. I have done the 70 and 100 mile portions of this ride many years so I am familiar with it.

Contact me at bkk8@comcast.net or 412-719-7206.

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 website, calendar, or office.

August 16, 2014	N/A	DEADLINE: To Sign Up for Pig Roast & Family Picnic
August 23, 2014	All Day	Pig Roast & Family Picnic
September 1, 2014	N/A	DEADLINE: To Sign Up For Women's Club Groups
September 13, 2014	7:05 p.m.	Pirates Game
September 13, 2014**	12 - 9 p.m.	**McCandless Community Day @ McCandless Town Hall
October 5, 2014	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room
October 18, 2014	TBD	Halloween Social @ Franklin Park Fire Hall
October 20, 2014**	N/A	**Leaf Pick-Up Begins — Town Of McCandless
October 31, 2014	6 – 8 p.m.	Trick or Treat
November 2, 2014	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room
November 2, 2014	2 a.m.	Turn Clock Backwards 1 Hour
November 26, 2014**	N/A	**Leaf Pick-Up Ends — Town of McCandless
December 5, 2014**	N/A	**Yard Waste Collection Ends—Town of McCandless
December 7, 2014	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room

Baking Contest

Here's what you need to know:

- All baking contest entries must be turned in to the judge's stand no later than 4 p.m.
- Judging will be done by a select group of Brook Park kids; winners will be announced shortly thereafter

So what will it be; grandma's secret Boston Creme Pie recipe, that red velvet cake recipe you won't share with anyone, or something you discovered in an old cook book?



Brook Park Swim Club 2014 Calendar Of Events

Dive-In Movie and Sleep Under the Stars

Thursday, July TBA 8 p.m. – 8 a.m.

Saturday, August 23

All Day until 10 p.m.

Ladies Night at the Pool

Thursday, August 14 7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.brookparkswimclub.com

Women's Club Groups and Events Sign-Up



It's that time of year ladies - Women's Club Groups and Events sign-ups. Group information and sign-up forms are below. You must be a current, paid member of the Civic Association or a Social Member to sign up for groups/events. Not sure if you paid your dues? Have questions? Contact Lisa Kocent at: LisaKocent.BPMCA@gmail.com. You will not be added to a group until your dues are paid.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS: September 1, 2014.

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES? Dues MUST Be Current to Join Groups **

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2014-2015 GROUP SIGN-UP FORM

2014-2015 Women's Club Groups

A Chairperson or Co-Chairs are needed for each group or event. Please consider volunteering.

BUNCO: These groups are very popular and have membership limits. Bunco is a dice game that is easy and fun. Groups meet monthly at members' homes. Group I meets the 1st Thursday of every month and Group II meets the 3rd Tuesday every month. You may sign up to become a regular member or a substitute.



BOOK SWAPS: A book swap is when each person brings paperback or hardback novels that they would like to swap and leaves with an equal number of "new to you" books to read. Cost: FREE Swaps are held every 3-4 months.

CREATIVE COOKING: This group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month with a "theme" picked for each month. The entire group shares recipes, food, and treats. There is also a Progressive Dinner. You only have to cook one month, the remainder of the time you sit back and enjoy the food others have cooked.

EASTER EGG HUNT: This annual event is tons of fun for the kids. Each spring the Easter Bunny visits the Easter Egg Hunt, held at Sloop Park.



HALLOWEEN PARADE: This annual event is a favorite. Kids in their costumes march through the neighborhood led by the North Allegheny High School Band along with fire trucks from the local fire department. The parade concludes with cookies, drinks, contests, and a performance by the band.

KID CONNECTION: This group helps infants and pre-school aged children "connect" with other children in the neighborhood via playgroups. Mothers and their children meet at a member's home each month. The children have fun playing and doing activities while the mothers visit. Other times, outings are planned.



LUMINARY SALE: This event includes taking orders, purchasing supplies, assembling, and delivering orders to neighbors who purchased luminary kits. Helps keep Brook Park looking festive for the holiday season.

SANTA VISITS: Forget the mall; Santa will come to your house to visit the kids. Santa will even bring a personal holiday gift and treat upon request. This annual event is a real hit with the little ones.

6 PACK & A SNACK: Parties are held at host homes or other locations. All members need to do is bring a 6-pack (or drink of their choice) and a snack to share. **There are no committees, no fees.** Members only need to RSVP to attend parties. Group needs people willing to volunteer their hom, yard, etc. to hold parties. Hosts set attendance limit, select the night (Friday or Saturday), and times. Paper products supplied. This group includes the men.

WREATH/CENTERPIECE MAKING CLASS: This event is held the first week of December at Kaelin's Farm Market. Includes: food, wreath or centerpiece assembly instruction, and supplies to make your creations. A great way to kick off the holiday season.

New Neighbor Spotlight

Jami and Patrick Heffley 8029 Broadlawn Drive 412-418-4526 Jlk298@gmail.com

The Heffley's moved to Brook Park from Ben Avon. Patrick is a graduate of Avonworth and West Virginia Wesleyan. Jami went to North Allegheny and Penn State and earned her master's degree from Duquesne University.

Jami works for the Woodland Hills school district as a Behavior Interventionist at an elementary school. Patrick is a building superintendent at the University of Pittsburgh and also teaches karate at Pitt and Blueberry Hill Park.

Children: Carys (pronounced like Paris with a C) just turned 3. Carys is a friendly girl with lots of energy, she loves twirly dresses and bugs. She is a great big sister to Elsa (4 months). Elsa just learned how to roll over and loves to drool. Please add the Heffley's to your Brook Park Directory.



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Patrick & Susan Fisher 8595 Harvest Manor Drive 412-366-4204

The Fishers may be new to Brook Park, but there are already some familiar faces here. Susan, Patrick, and their children Max (6) and Kennedy (4) moved into 8595 Harvest Manor Drive earlier this month — just a few houses down from the Fyock's, who coincidentally used to live just down the street in their old neighborhood, too. The Fyock's are thrilled to welcome their former neighbors to Brook Park.

Patrick is a research scientist in the field of material science engineering and Susan is a Women's Health nurse. Max will be entering 1st grade at McKnight Elementary school this fall. The Fishers have already become active pool members and are eager to enjoy all that Brook Park has to offer. Please join us in welcoming the Fisher Family and add them to your directory.

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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. View and print a copy the protective covenants at www.brookparkmanor.com.

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

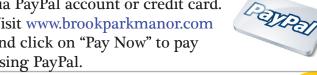
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Civic Association Dues Due

Civic Association Dues for 2014-2015 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. Visit www.brookparkmanor.com and click on the Paypal icon on the home page.

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(Interviews welcome!)

Mila is currently:

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- Babysits a 5 year old boy

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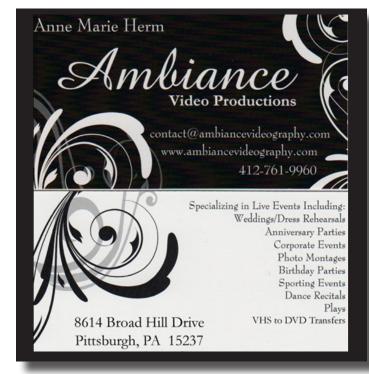
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8mm Movie Transfers to DVD with Editing



Annual Pig Roast and Family Picnic

The Annual Family Picnic and Pig Roast will be held on the Saturday, August 23, 2014. Run, run, run, sign up, and pay now.

NOTE: A MINIMUM OF 80 people need to be signed up by AUGUST 10, 2014, or this event WILL NEED TO BE CANCELLED.

As usual, there will be lots of help needed to put together a party of this size — many hands are needed to help. To sign up or volunteer, please look at the following pages, or contact Mary Mann by email at Mjmann1231@gmail.com or by phone at 412-638-8602.

Event Sign Up

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Duty Sign Up

Contact Pig Man	
Potatoes (2 People)	
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Macaroni Cooking (1 Person)	Sandy Schuster
Onion Chopping (1 Person)	
Celery Chopping (1 Person)	
Eggs — Cook and Peel (1 Person)	
Macaroni Salad Assemble (1 Person)	Sandy Schuster
Corn Duty (1 Person) Pick Up and Supervise Peeling	
Tossed Salad	
Hot Dogs (1 Person) Cooked in Roaster, Not Grilled	
Set-Up (3 People)	
Starts at 1 p.m. takes approximately 1/2 hour	
Afternoon Entertainment	
Check-In and Reimbursement (1 Person)	
Servers (4 People)	
Serve ½ hour	
Clean Up (4 People)	
Leftovers Supervisor (1 Person)	
Baking Contest Check-In (1 Person)	
Baking Contest Judges	
50/50 Raffle — sell tickets (1 Person)	
DJ/Karaoke (1 Person)	

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