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Halloween Social
SAVE THE DATE

When: Saturday, October 18, 2014
Where: Franklin Park Fire Hall
Costumes encouraged, but not required.

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.

BROOK PARK HALLOWEEN SOCIAL

A PARTY SO AWESOME, IT'S DOWNRIGHT SCARY

DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014
TIME: 6:30 P.M. - 11:30 P.M.
VENUE: FRANKLIN PARK FIRE HALL
COST: CIVIC ASSOC. MEMBERS - $30/COUPLE, $15/SINGLE
NON-MEMBERS WELCOME - $35/COUPLE, $17.50/SINGLE

INCLUDES FOOD, BEER, WINE, SOFT DRINKS, DJ, AND DANCING

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED
GIFT CARD PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AND COSTUME JUDGING WILL OCCUR AT 8:30 P.M.

RSVP BY OCTOBER 10 WITH ATTENDEE NAMES AND PAYMENT

RETURN THE FORM BELOW & PAYMENT TO:

Donna Hudson,
1626 King James Drive
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DONNA HUDSON, due when you sign up.

Name_____ Name_____

Name_____ Name_____

Total Amount: $_____

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 play groups. 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 home, 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.

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 ****

NAME:	E-MAIL:
ADDRESS:	PHONE:

CHECK GROUPS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING:

____ **WOMEN'S BUNCO:** (If you sign up to be a Regular, you will be called as a Substitute until an opening occurs.)

____Group I (1st Thursday of Month) ____Will Chair or Co-Chair
____Currently A Regular ____Substitute Only
____Want To Be A Regular

____Group II (Tuesday of Month) ____Will Chair or Co-Chair
____Currently A Regular ____Substitute Only
____Want To Be A Regular

____ **BOOK SWAPS:**	____ Want to Join	____ Will Host A Swap
____ **CREATIVE COOKING:**	____ Want to Join	____ Will Chair or Co-Chair
____ **EASTER EGG HUNT:**	____ Will Chair or Co-Chair	____ Will Help
____ **HALLOWEEN PARADE:**	____ Will Chair or Co-Chair	____ Will Help
____ **KID'S CONNECTION:**	____ Will Chair or Co-Chair	____ Want to Join
____ **LUMINARY SALE:**	____ Will Chair or Co-Chair	____ Will Help
____ **SANTA VISITS:**	____ Will Chair or Co-Chair	____ Will Help
____ **6-PACK & A SNACK:**	____ Want to Join	____ Will Chair or Co-Chair Group

____ Will Host a Party at My Home (host sets date, times, max number of attendees)

____ **WREATH CLASS:**	____ Will Chair or Co-Chair	____ Want to Join

E-MAIL YOUR SELECTIONS TO:
LKBird79@gmail.com
(All selections will be confirmed by e-mail if an e-mail address is provided.)

OR

RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO:
Lisa Kocent
999 Broadmeadow Drive
BROOK PARK WOMEN'S CLUB
2014-2015 GROUP SIGN-UP FORM

New Neighbor Spotlight

Denis Kotchanka & Natalia Tochka
952 Broadmeadow Drive
412-339-4815
ntochka@gmail.com

Please add their contact info to your directories.

Matt and Katie Helfrich
1554 King Albert Dr.
412 848 4769 (Matt)
412 445 9074 (Katie)
mahelfrich@gmail.com
kshelfrich@yahoo.com

Their daughter is Christina Kotchanka, who is 8 years old; she will be going into third grade at McKnight Elementary School.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Matt and Katie Helfrich, as well as their 19 month-old son, James. They recently moved from Upper St. Clair to 1554 King Albert Drive. Matt works in finance and Katie is a nurse. In their free time they enjoy cooking, running, music, and traveling. We look forward to getting to know them better as they settle into Brook Park.

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Order a Resale Certificate

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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Call 412-548-3215 or 412-726-4868
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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 (it 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 at LisaKocent.BPMCA@gmail.com.

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**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, 10, 2014	N/A	DEADLINE: To Sign Up For Halloween Social
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
January 12, 2015	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room