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Caroling and Bonfire

Join us spread to some holiday cheer on:
Saturday, December 13 at 6 p.m.

Everyone is welcome — singing on key or in tune is not required.

The group will gather in the Broad Hill cul-de-sac and continue caroling throughout the other neighborhood cul-de-sacs.

Broad Hill:	6 p.m.
King Charles:	6:20 p.m.
King Albert:	6:40 p.m.
Woodview:	7 p.m.

Drive, bike, walk, feel free to join in at any or all of the caroling locations.

After making our neighbors merry and bright, the festivities will continue with a bonfire in the upper parking lot of the pool around 7:30 p.m.

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Ice and Snow Removal Ordinances

The "white" stuff has begun to fall. Now is a good time to review local snow and 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, timely fashion from sidewalks and driveways, 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 safety to keep sidewalks cleared. Especially for the children walking to their bus stops.

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Christmas Eve Light Up

Brook Park has been a bright and festive place on Christmas Eve because of the annual luminary project. Please help to make this year another glowing example of neighborhood cooperation and festive attitude.

If you are not going to be home, please consider asking a neighbor to set up and light your luminaries for you. Or encourage your neighbors to participate and volunteer to help them if they are not available the night of Christmas Eve.

The Civic Association will be selling luminary kits at a price of $5/ kit, which will include 10 candles, 10 bags, and sand. See below flyer for details.

- **Deadline to order is Sunday, December 7**
- **Expect delivery of the kits to your doorstep no later than December 20**

Christmas Eve Light Up

Please help to continue a beautiful tradition in Brook Park by lighting up this Christmas Eve with a luminary display.

Welcome family, friends, and guests with a glowing path through our wonderful neighborhood. Consider working together with your neighbors to create a grand effect on your street, cul-de-sac, or your section of the street. If you will not be home, perhaps have a neighbor set up the luminaries for you. The luminary lighting is a great representation of the communal, vibrant neighborhood in which we live. In recent years, King Albert and King Charles have completely lit their streets through a cooperative effort, and the results were breathtaking!

The Civic Association will be selling the luminary kits for $5 per kit, which includes 10 bags, 10 candles, and sand.

Deliveries will be made no later than December 20, 2014
Deadline to order: December 7, 2014

RETURN THE FORM BELOW & PAYMENT TO:

Jennifer Rivet
1629 King James Drive
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Jennifer Rivet, due when you sign up.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of Kits: _____

Total Amount: $_____ Cash _____ Check _____

Santa Visits

Santa will be visiting Brook Park during the evening of Thursday, December 18. To schedule a visit with Santa, please complete the below form and return it to Diana Cunningham no later than December 8. Santa is only able to visit a limited number of houses, so return your form early to guarantee he stops at your house!

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Don't forget to clean up after your pets. Nothing is more annoying than finding "gifts" left on your 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.

Brook Park Santa Visits

Santa is coming Thursday, December 18, 2014

PLEASE NOTE:

- Return your forms early; time slots are LIMITED and are on a first-come basis
- There are many children in Brook Park, so visits are limited to 15 minutes
- Santa will bring in the gift that you left outside, but please specify where the gift will be placed
- You will be contact by email with the scheduled time of your visit
- Contact Diana at **DEL12345@gmail.com** or 412-600-6383 with any questions

If you would like Santa to visit your house,
please return this form with $1/child or $3/family by December 8.

RETURN THE FORM BELOW & PAYMENT TO:

Diana Cunningham
8599 Harvest Manor Drive
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Diana Cunningham, due when you sign up.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Special Notes: _____

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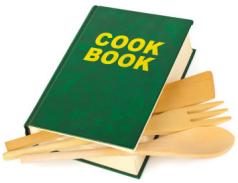
Will there be a gift for Santa to bring in the house for your child(ren)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, where will the gift be left? _____

Total Amount: $_____

Cookbooks for Sale

The cost per book is $12.
For more information or to purchase a cookbook, contact Lisa Kocent at LisaKocent.BPMCA@gmail.com



New Neighbor Spotlight

Please add their contact info to your directories.

Dustin and Andrea Shultz
976 Broadmeadow Drive
814-449-7741 (Andrea's cell)
andreajshutlz@gmail.com

The couple is from Ben Avon. Dustin works as a software engineer and Andrea is a secretary and event planner.

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Halloween Social - A Howling Good Time

Zombies, witches, and goblins were out in force but that didn't stop the crowd of Brook Park neighbors, relatives and friends from partying the night away at the 2014 Halloween Social. In fact, those scary kinds were seen dancing among clowns, gypsies, mermaids, and other mythical creatures — even Einstein made an appearance! The costumed crew ate, drank, danced, and talked; catching up with old friends and meeting new ones inside the festively decorated Franklin Park Fire Hall.

Costumes were judged by the celebrity panel of Elaine Palchak, Mark Madia, and Diane Madia. Prizes recognized that creative spirits were afoot:

- **Funniest:** the big-footed clown Toni Ambrosino
- **Cutest:** anocean siren Jenny Hudson
- **Scariest:** the zombie-ish Bob Nolan
- **Best Couple:** Steve and Renee Illes in their historical (and darned good looking!) reenactment of Marc Antony and Cleopatra
- **Most Original:** Mr. Braveheart himself, Dennis Moul.
- **Honorable Mention:** (for the Best Three-fer) the trio of blind mice, Jan Glinski and friends Mary Mann and Cindy Allshouse

Costume Contest Prize Winners

Brook Park Ladies in Costume

A shriek of appreciation goes out to party chairs Donna and Jenny Hudson and their eerily awesome committee:

- Jim Hudson
- Renee and Steve Illes
- Lisa Kocent
- Laura and Dana Miller
- Jeanne and Bob Nolan
- Sandy and Jim Schuster
- Sally Swegan

Halloween Parade Recap

The 26th Annual Brook Park Halloween Parade was held on Saturday, October 25, 2014.

It was truly amazing to see all of the families and enjoy such great weather. There were 35 families pre-registered - about 86 kids.

A great big thank you to all you kids who participated in the various games…and the winners are:

- Hershey Kisses - Maggie Bridges guessed 329 (actual 320)
- Smarties - Eamon Duffy guessed 135 (actual 137),
- Mix of Candy - Joe Garrow guessed 352 (actual 359).

Great Job Kids!

Thanks so much to everyone who helped out with the parade this year, including: Suzanne Filiaggi, Anne Marie Herm, Cara Cortazzo, Sheila Duffy, Mary Pat Shanahan, Jill Bradley and the Kroll Family.

Thanks to everyone for the delicious cookies that were donated. They were very much appreciated by all who attended.

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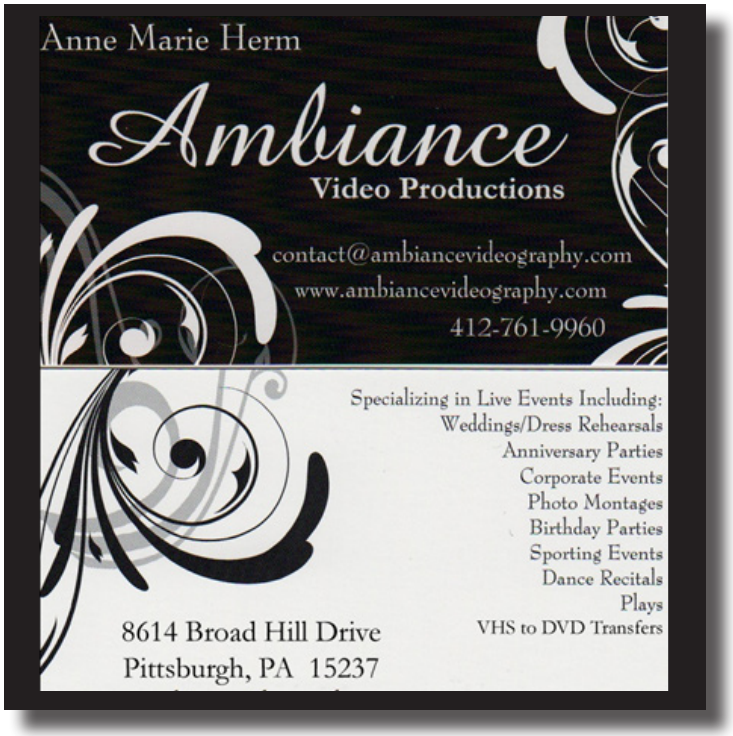

Items to Note

- Town of McCandless: **Yard Waste Collection**
  Ends on December 5, 2014

- Franklin Park Borough: **Christmas Tree Chipping**
  January 5 & 12 — have curbside by 7 a.m.

Resale Certificates Available

Order a Resale Certificate

When you sell a house in an area covered by a Homeowner's Association, you are supposed to provide a document called a "Resale Certificate" that explains to the potential buyer the financial and legal status of the Association. The Civic Association Board has created this document for our neighborhood. It explains our voluntary nature and social organization functions, and also how the Brook Park Swim Club and its dues work. If you are selling your house, contact Brook Park Treasurer, Dennis Moul, for a free Resale Certificate for your property (some HOA's charge a lot of money for these, Brook Park provides them for free). Your realtor and your buyer will appreciate you having this official documentation in advance.

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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References Available

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Do You Need a Babysitter?

If you're in need of a responsible, fun babysitter?
Contact **Mila Kalcevic**.

Call: 412-548-3215 or 412-726-4868
Email: mmkalcevic@gmail.com and kalcevicm@edc.pitt.edu

(Interviews welcome!)

- Babysitting in the Brook Park area for over a year for a handful of families
- Available most weekdays and weekends (can stay late if needed)
- Always arrive with activities, but will certainly help with chores and homework too

References are available.

Past Brook Park Residents and Field Club Social Memberships

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.

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.

December 5, 2014**	N/A	**Yard Waste Collection Ends—Town of McCandless
December 7, 2014	N/A	DEADLINE to Purchase Luminary Kits
December 7, 2014	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting at Sir Pizza Party Room
December 8, 2014	N/A	DEADLINE to Sign Up for Santa Visits
December 13, 2014	6 p.m.	Christmas Caroling and Bonfire
December 18, 2014	TBD	Santa Visits (Pre-Registration Required)
January 5, 2015**	7 a.m.	**Christmas Tree Chipping — Franklin Park Borough
January 12, 2015**	7 a.m.	**Christmas Tree Chipping — Franklin Park Borough
January 12, 2015	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting at Sir Pizza Party Room
February 8, 2015	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room

Welcome Hostess Needed

After 20 some years, Renee Illes has decided to retire from her Welcome Hostess position therefore, we need a hostess to cover the streets of King David and King Charles. It's a fun way to meet new neighbors, while providing them important neighborhood information.

Note: No need to live on either of these streets to be the hostess, although you do need to keep tabs on houses that are being sold.

If interested or for more information, please contact Cara Cortazzo at caracortazzo@gmail.com or Renee Illes at reneeilles@comcast.net.

Thanks Renee for your many, many years of welcoming neighbors to Brook Park!