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Women's Club Coordinator Needed

A volunteer (or volunteers) is needed ASAP to fill the position of Women's Club Coordinator. A majority of the events and groups operate under the umbrella of the Women's Club. If you are interested in volunteering or would like additional information, contact Lisa Kocent at LisaKocent.BPMCA@gmail.com.

Welcome Hostess Update

A special thank you to Anne Rodgers for volunteering to stand in as the new Welcome Hostess for Fassinger and Broadlawn.

A big thank you also goes out to Renee Illes for all of her help over the past years as our King David and King Charles Welcome Hostess. Thank you Renee!

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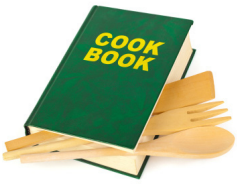
Board meetings are one evening per month and last approximately one hour. You do not have to attend all meetings and you decide on the time that you are able to devote.

To volunteer or obtain additional information, please contact any BPMCA Board Member; names and contact information are on page 1.

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



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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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Items to Note

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- **Christmas Tree Pick Up** - Begins January 5 and concludes January 30, 2015
- **E-Recycling Event Scheduled** - The Town of McCandless and JVS Environmental will sponsor an electronics recycling collection event at Town Hall on Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Commonly accepted items include desktops, laptops, servers, printers, copiers, scanners, cell phones, networking equipment, monitors, and peripheral components such as keyboards, cables, mouse, speakers, and CD/DVD drives. Televisions will be accepted with a one television per car limit.

No electronics will be taken after 2 p.m. no exceptions.

If you have additional questions about the collection please contact Recycling Coordinator Maria Costanza at 412-364-0616.

Franklin Park Borough:

- **Christmas Tree Chipping** - January 5 & 12 Have your tree curbside by 7 a.m.

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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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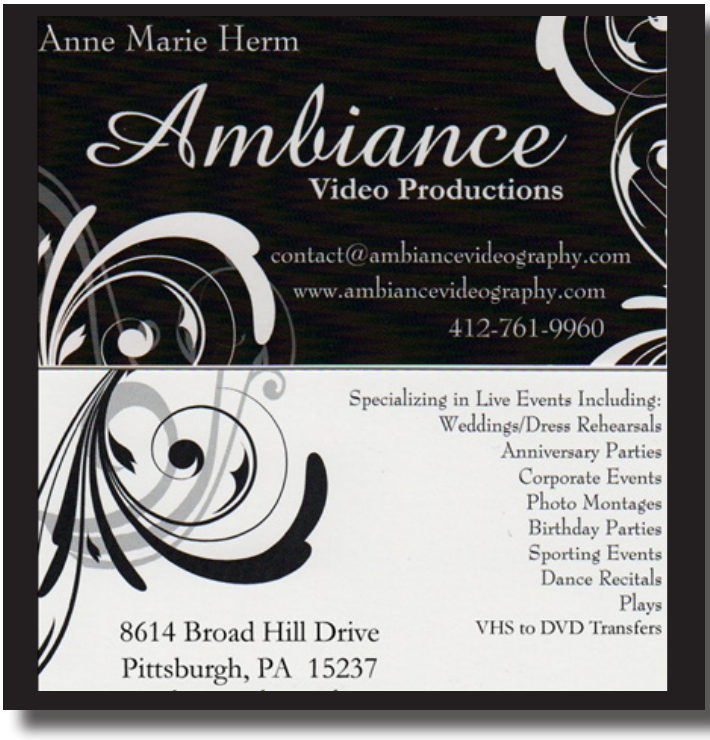
Past Brook Park Residents and Field Club Social Memberships

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.

January 5, 2015**	7 a.m.	**Christmas Tree Chipping — Franklin Park Borough
January 5, 2015**	Morning	**Christmas Tree Pick Up Begins — McCandless
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
January 30, 2015**	Morning	**Christmas Tree Pick Up Ends — McCandless
February 8, 2015	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room
March 1, 2015	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room



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