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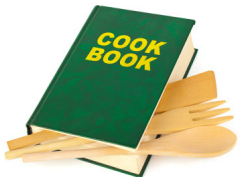


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# Civic Association Board Members URGENTLY Needed

A volunteer is STILL needed to fill one Civic Association Board position. Please consider volunteering your time. 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 one of this newsletter.

# Changes to Civic Association Board Members

Welcome to new Civic Association Board member, Brad Weaver. Thanks Brad for volunteering your time for the neighborhood. His contact information is located on the front page of the monthly newsletter.

# Annual Civic Association Meeting Rescheduled

Due to heavy snowfall on March 1, the Annual Civic Association meeting had to be cancelled out of concern for safety anyone planning to attend the meeting. The Annual Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Party Room at Sir Pizza (Rochester and Sewickley-Oakmont Roads).

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# Women's Club Coordinator URGENTLY Needed

The position of Women's Club Coordinator is STILL VACANT. This vacancy will become obvious this mid-summer when the sign-up for fall, winter and spring groups and events should begin. A volunteer (or volunteers) is needed NOW to fill the position of Women's Club Coordinator. EVERY kid event and ALL groups operate under the umbrella of the Women's Club. IF NO ONE steps forward, most events/groups will not be offered. If you are interested in volunteering or would like additional information, contact Lisa Kocent at LisaKocent.BPMCA@gmail.com.

# Garage Sale Coordinator Needed

It's time for the biannual Brook Park Garage Sale, but someone(s) needs to volunteer to coordinate the sale. If interested in volunteering or for additional information, please contact Lisa Kocent at: LisaKocent.BPMCA@gmail.com.

# Upcoming Events - Not to Miss

**What: Men's Golf Outing**
**When:** Sunday, May 31, 2015
**Where:** Hartmann's Golf Course
**Extra Info:** Outing details provided in future newsletters.

**What: Men's Night at The Pool**
**When:** Saturday, June 27, 2015

**What: 2015 Pirate Game vs. Brewers**
**When:** Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 7:05 p.m.
**Adult and Children Tickets:** $21 each (deadline to purchase is July 9, 2015)
**Extra Info:** Fireworks night
Additional details and sign up information will be available in coming months.

**What: Annual Fall Social**
**When:** Saturday, October 10, 2015
**Where:** Franklin Park Fire Hall.
**Extra Info:** Additional details and sign up information will be available in coming months.

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# Brook Park Annual 5K "Race for Joe"

Every day we are lucky to enjoy our neighborhood's rolling hills and beautiful vistas. For the past seven years we have shared our streets for a few hours by hosting a road race with hundreds of runners. Again this year we will hold the "Race for Joe" 5K (3.1 mile) run and race.

**What: Race for Joe**
**When:** Saturday, April 4th at 9 a.m. (Easter weekend)
**Register:** www.raceforjoe.org

This event funds the Joe Guzzetti Memorial Scholarship which, to date, has awarded over $10,000 to North Allegheny graduates. Joe grew up in our neighborhood, was captain of the high school football team and passed suddenly in 2008 at the age of only 24 due to an epileptic seizure.

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**If you'd like to donate, send a check to:**
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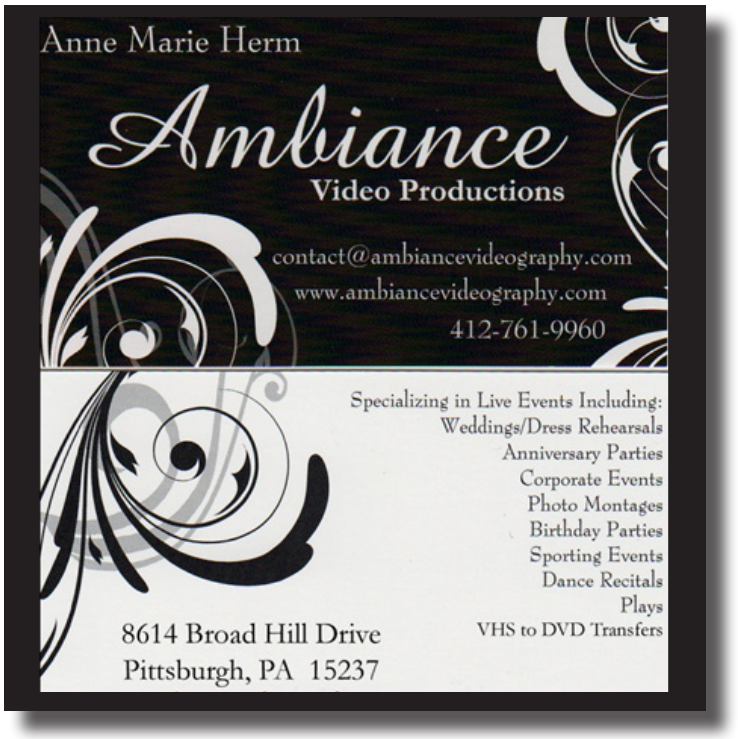

# Adopt-A-Highway Invitation

The Civic Association recently received an invitation from Franklin Park Borough to consider participating in PennDOT's "Adopt-a-Highway" program. The way the program works: a group of volunteers agree to become caretakers of a two-mile section of roadway for two years, agreeing to pick up litter on their roadway at least four times per year.

In return, PennDOT posts signs along the roadway acknowledging the group. The group participates in safety training, using materials provided by PennDOT, and observes safety procedures while at work on the roadways. PennDOT also provides work gloves, safety vests, and collections bags to use during pickup.

If you are interested in volunteering for this commitment, email Dennis Moul at dennis-bpm@HQ99.net. At this stage we do not know what specific sections of which roads would be candidates for us to adopt. If we get enough people interested, the Association will contact PennDOT to proceed further.


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# Use PayPal to Pay Civic Dues

Membership Dues can now be paid via PayPal account or credit card.
Visit www.brookparkmanor.com, and click on "Pay Now" to pay using PayPal.

# 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.


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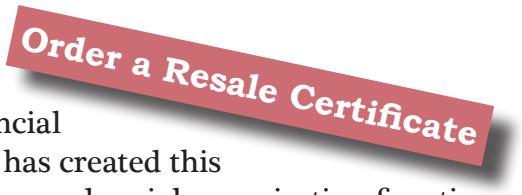


When you sell a house in an area covered by a Homeowner's Association, you are supposed to provide a document called a "Resale Certificate" that explains to the potential buyer the financial and legal status of the Association. The Civic Association Board has created this document for our neighborhood. 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.

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# Upcoming Pool Events

**What: Pool Open House and Swim Team Sign Up**
**When:** Saturday, May 16, 2015
**Time:** 12 – 3 p.m.

**What: Pool Opening Day**
**When:** Saturday, May 23, 2015

**What: Memorial Day Party**
**When:** Monday, May 25, 2015
**Time:** 2 – 6 p.m.

**What: Elementary School Party**
**When:** Thursday, June 11, 2015
**Time:** 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**What: AquaWatch Family Social**
**When:** Saturday, June 13, 2015
**Time:** TBD

**What: Adult Mixer**
**When:** Saturday, June 13, 2015
**Time:** 8 - 11 p.m.

**What: Middle School Party**
**When:** Monday, June 15, 2015
**Time:** 8 - 10 p.m.

**What: Home Swim Meets**
**When:** June/July TBD

**What: Men's Night**
**When:** Saturday, June TBD
**Time:** 8 - 12 p.m.

**What: Fourth of July Picnic**
**When:** Saturday, July 4, 2015
**Time:** 2 - 8 p.m.

**What: Wrestle Mania**
**When:** July TBD

**What: Mexican Fiesta**
**When:** Saturday, July 11, 2015
**Time:** 5 - 10 p.m.

**What: Glow Night and Sleep Under the Stars**
**When:** Thursday, July TBD
**Time:** 8 p.m. - 8 a.m.

**What: Ladies Night at the Pool**
**When:** Thursday, August TBD
**Time:** 7:30 - 11:30 p.m.

**What: First Annual Pool Talent Show**
**When:** Wednesday, August TBD
**Time:** 8 - 10 p.m.

**What: Pig Roast**
**When:** Saturday, August 22, 2015
**Time:** All day until 10 p.m.

# Save the Date Calendar

**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.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| April 4, 2015 | TBD | Annual "Race for Joe" |
| April 5, 2015 | 7 p.m. | Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room |
| April 12, 2015 | 7 p.m. | Annual Civic Association Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room |
| April 13, 2015** | By 7 a.m. | Spring Leaf Pick Up (Monday's Only) — Franklin Park |
| April 20, 2015** | By 7 a.m. | Spring Leaf Pick Up (Monday's Only) — Franklin Park |
| April 27, 2015** | By 7 a.m. | Spring Leaf Pick Up (Monday's Only) — Franklin Park |
| May 3, 2015 | 7 p.m. | Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room |
| May 25, 2015 | TBD | Pool - Opening Day |
| May 30, 2015 | N/A | Goodwill E-Waste collection - McCandless Town Hall |
| May 31, 2015 | TBD | Men's Golf Outing @ Hartmann's Golf Course |
| June 7, 2015 | 7 p.m. | Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room |
| June 27, 2015 | TBD | Men's Night @ the pool |
| July 9, 2015 | N/A | DEADLINE: To Sign Up and Pay for Pirate Game |
| September 12, 2015 | 7:05 p.m. | Pirate vs. Brewers Game (Fireworks Night) |
| October 10, 2015 | TBD | Fall Social - Franklin Park Fire Hall |


## Elementary Tutor Pet & House Sitter

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