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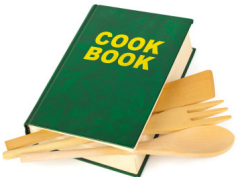

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2015-2016 Women's Club Groups

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 Sign-Up

It's that time of year ladies - Women's Club Groups 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. Not sure if you paid your dues? Have questions? Contact Nicki Gronsky at nwikert@gmail.com, Jessica Deible at jessdeible@aol.com, or Heather Byers at byers_heather@hotmail.com. You will not be added to a group until your dues are paid. Dues can be droped off to Jessica Deible at 1607 King James Drive.

DEADLINE TO SIGNUP IS: SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

****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)

____Currently A Regular ____Will Chair or Co-Chair
____Want To Be A Regular ____Substitute Only

____Group II (3rd Tuesday of Month)

____Currently A Regular ____Will Chair or Co-Chair
____Want To Be A Regular ____Substitute Only

____ **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
____ **NEW IDEAS:**	____ Will Chair or Co-Chair	____ Want to Join

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

OR

RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO:
Nicki Gronsky
9041 Woodview Drive
BROOK PARK WOMEN'S CLUB
2015-2016 GROUP SIGN-UP FORM

Oktoberfest Celebration

The Civic Association is sponsoring another epic Oktoberfest celebration party on:

Saturday, October 10, 2015
7 – 11:30 p.m.
Franklin Park Fire Hall

Come hoist a stein in honor of Germany's best fall tradition! Of course there will be a DJ, lots of food, drinks, fun and more. And you get all this without having to clear customs. What a deal!

All are welcome - Civic Association members, friends, family, etc. A separate fee is offered for those who are not members of the Civic Association or Social Members.

Please sign up, using the below form, for the event by October 1 so that party committee volunteers have ample time to plan, prepare and tap those kegs. Prost!

Civic Association Dues Are Due

Civic Association Annual Dues for 2015/2016 are now due. Please forward your payment to Jessica Deible at 1607 King James Drive, any BPMCA Board Member, or you may pay via PayPal.

Use PayPal to Pay Civic Dues

Membership Dues can 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.

Oktoberfest 2015

Date: Saturday, October 10, 2015
Time: 7 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, BEER, MUSIC, AND MORE BEER

MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO ATTEND.

RSVP BY OCTOBER 1 WITH ATTENDEE NAMES AND PAYMENT (LATE FEE $5.00 PER PERSON)

RETURN THE FORM BELOW & PAYMENT TO:

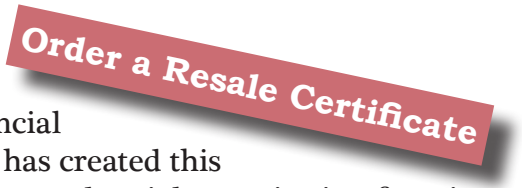
Donna Hudson,
1626 King James Drive
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DONNA HUDSON, due when you sign up.

Name_____ Name_____

Name_____ Name_____

Total Amount: $_____

Resale Certificates Available



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.

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.

September 12, 2015	7:05 p.m.	Pirate vs. Brewers Game (Fireworks Night)
October 1, 2015	N/A	DEADLINE to sign up for Oktoberfest Party
October 4, 2015	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room
October 10, 2015	TBD	Fall Social - Franklin Park Fire Hall
October 12, 2015	N/A	** Leaf Pick-Up Begins—Town of McCandless
October 31, 2015	6-8 p.m.	Trick or Treat
November 1, 2015**	2 a.m.	Daylight Savings Time Ends; Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour
November 1, 2015	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room
November 25, 2015**	N/A	Leaf Pick Up Ends - Town of McCandless**
December 4, 2015 **	N/A	Yard Waste Collection Ends - Town of McCandless**
December 6, 2015	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room

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

(Interviews welcome!)

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Babysitting Service

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412-508-4244 or haley.longo@yahoo.com

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- Plant watering

Elementary Tutor Pet & House Sitter

Jessica Dougherty, Age 14
(412) 318-2907
jdoc312@yahoo.com

References Available

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(Age 18)

- House sitting
- Pet sitting
- Dog walking
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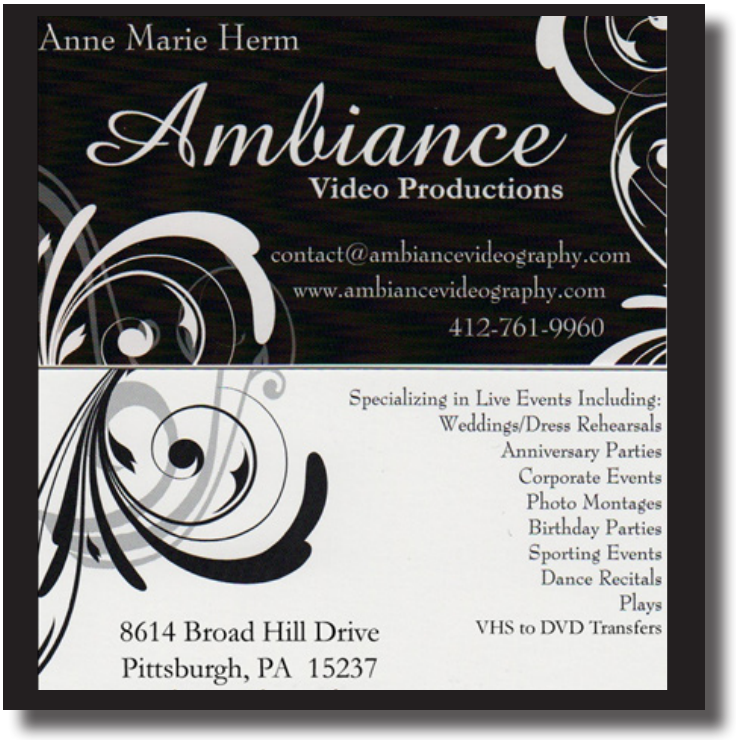
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