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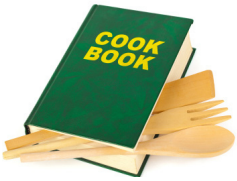

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Women's Club Groups Chairs and Co-Chairs

Book Swaps
Jan Haddad

Bunco 1 (Thursday)
Patty Basara

Bunco 2 (Tuesday)
Melody Kalcevic

Creative Cooking
Karen Bauer
Jackie Fusina

Easter Egg Hunt
Nicki Gronsky

Halloween Parade
Nicki Gronsky

Kid Connection
Adrienne Fyock

Luminaries
Kristen Sullivan

Six-Pack & A Snack
Maura Rodgers
Sandy Shuster

Santa Visits
STILL NEEDED

Thanks to all those who volunteered their time.

We still need someone to volunteer for the Santa Visits. Contact Nicki Gronsky at nwikert@gmail.com, Jessica Deible at jessdeible@aol.com, or Heather Byers at byers_heather@hotmail.com to signup.

Winter Coat Drive

The Haddad family will be collecting winter coats for North Hills Community Outreach (www.nhco.org).

- Clean, gently worn coats (all sizes)
- Working zippers
- Especially needed: children and adults — XL-XXXL
- Mittens, scarves, and hats

Donations can be dropped off at their house. If you are not able to drop off please let them know and they will make arrangements to pick up at your house.

Thank you for supporting a great cause!

Deadline for donation is Sunday October 18th.

The Haddad Family
9026 Woodview Drive
Phone: 412-366-4808
Email: kjhaddad@verizon.net

Fall Leaf Pick-Up

Town of McCandless:

Begins: October 12, 2015
Ends: November 25, 2015

Please do not place anything but leaves for street pick-up.

Note: Yard Waste Collection Ends on December 4, 2015

Reminder

Daylight Savings Time Ends: November 1, 2015

- Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour
- Check the batteries in your smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors

Annual Brook Park Halloween Parade

The Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday October 31th, beginning at 2 p.m. rain or shine. The parade will begin at the corner of Broad Hill Drive and King James Drive. The parade route will circle the King James loop and end on King Albert Drive in the cul-de-sac where we will enjoy cookies and drinks. If you are around the neighborhood that day please come out and line the streets to cheer on the little ghost and goblins as they pass by on the street, this would mean a lot to them.

As a reminder, please do not park along the parade route. We are expecting the North Allegheny band as well as the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Department to participate. Please sign up so we know how many to expect. A flyer for parade sign-ups is below. This is a fun way to see all the great costumes in the day light! Get your kids excited and pick out those costumes. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pig Roast Recap

By Sandy Shuster

The 21st Brook Park Family Picnic and Pig Roast was a great success. Over180 people enjoyed great food, fun and games, lots of loud singing and time with good friends. Thanks to all who helped with food and planning. I have been working with Mary Mann for the last 2 years and could not have done without her, thanks Mary!

Mary has agreed to take over for me next year. I think it is time for me to step down as organizer.

This year the Pig roast cost us $2,538.46, and we collected $1,787. Your Civic Association dues helped to cover the difference of $751.46

Looking forward to seeing everyone next year the Saturday before Labor Day, so mark your calendars as soon as you get a new one.

Trick or Treating

Trick or Treating will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2014, from 6 - 8 p.m.. Keep our ghosts and goblins safe and please drive safely through the neighborhood (which should be done all of the time, but especially during Trick or Treating times).

New Neighbor Spotlight

Philip, Theresa, Kiera and Theo Wilkinson
1505 King David Drive
412-548-3718
wilkinson.theresa@gmail.com

Please add their contact info to your directories.

Philip and Theresa along, with their children Kiera (age 12) and Theo (age 9), recently moved into 1505 King David Drive from Quincy, MA in order to move closer to family. Philip is an architect and Theresa is a Preschool and Irish dance teacher. They have enjoyed getting to know neighbors while on their walks and going to the pool. Some of their family's interests include soccer, volleyball, Irish dance, and music.

HALLOWEEN PARADE INFO AND SIGN-UP

Saturday, October 31, 2015

2 P.M.

RAIN OR SHINE

Parade route:

BEGINS AT THE CORNER OF BROAD HILL DR./KING JAMES
CIRCLES AROUND THE KING JAMES LOOP
ENDS IN KING ALBERT CUL-DE-SAC

PLEASE DON'T PARK along the parade route on the day of the parade.

For those who are in the parade, please bring one dozen cookies to share at the end of the parade.

Deliver to: Trunzo's Residence
Where: 1612 King James
When: Friday, October 30th
Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

RSVP BY OCTOBER 28 WITH $2 PER CHILD

RETURN THE FORM BELOW & PAYMENT TO:

Nicki Gronsky
9041 Wood view Drive
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Brook Park Manor Civic Association, due when you sign up.

Name_____ Number of Children _____

Phone_____ Name_____

Total Amount: $_____

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:

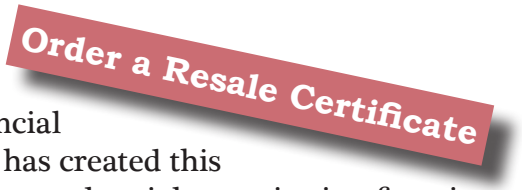
Donna Hudson,
1626 King James Drive
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DONNA HUDSON, due when you sign up.

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.

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 28, 2015	N/A	DEADLINE to sign up for Halloween Parade
October 30, 2015	6-8 p.m.	Cookie Drop off at Trunzo's (1612 King James Drive)
October 31, 2015	2 p.m.	Halloween Parade
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
January 11, 2016	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room

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American Red Cross

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- Water plants

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If you're in need of a responsible, fun babysitter?
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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)
- Will always arrive with activities and will certainly help with chores and homework too

References are available.

Elementary Tutor Pet & House Sitter

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

References Available

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- **Pet and/or house sitting while you're away on vacation ($7/day - pet sitting; $2/day - house sitting)**

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

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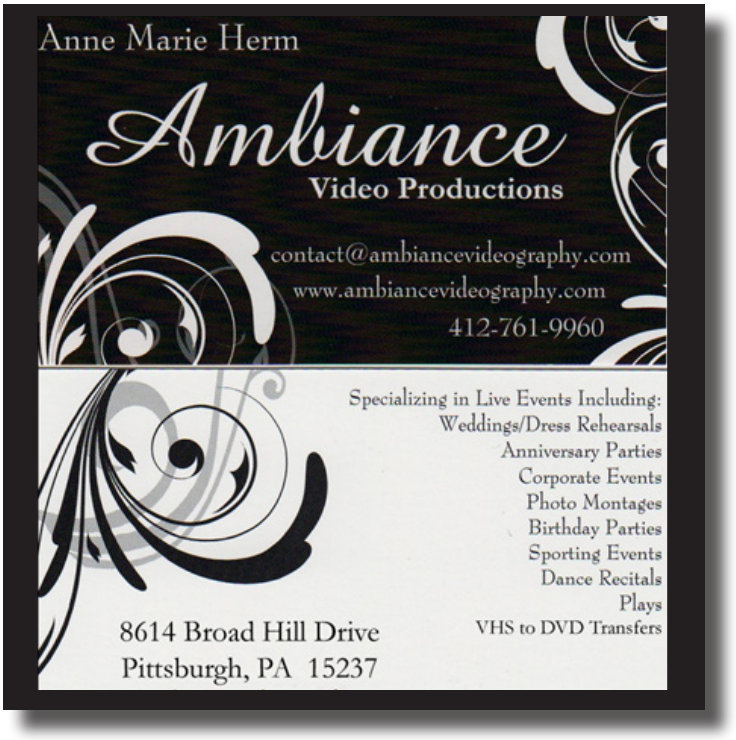

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