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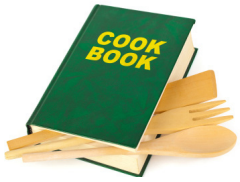

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Oktoberfest Party Recap

It was all about friends and neighbors and having fun in the Oktoberfest tradition on Saturday evening, October 10, 2015, at the Franklin Park Fire Hall. Party attendees feasted on Oktoberfest themed foods, enjoyed a great selection of beers and danced to tunes provided by DJ Jeff O'Donnell, while they strengthened existing bonds and made some new ones too.

Many thanks go to partymeister, Donna Hudson (along with her indispensable sidekick, Jim Hudson), and committee members Sally Swegan, Lisa Kocent, and Sandy Schuster. Many others contributed food and helped with setup and cleanup. Special shout-outs to Bob and Jeanne Nolan, Paul and Dee Katus, Patty Heimberger, Deb Penn, Janice Glinski, Jayne McGoey, Jeff Marshall, Jeff Allshouse, Dennis Moul, Renee Illes, Laura and Dana Miller, and Suzanne Filiaggi. A great time was had by all!

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

They Poop, You Scoop

Dog poo is a down right dirty discussion, and nobody likes to talk about it, let alone pick it up. Yet every dog owner is legally required to do it. Not only is it the law, it is the neighborly thing to do, and isn't this why we all live in Brook Park, we love the community and the neighborhood?

There have been some recent complaints that some neighbors weren't doing there share to scoop the poop, but in fact leaving it for some in rather creative ways. So if you're a dog owner or even just a dog walker, please make sure you pick up after you're four-legged furry friend, and not leave an unwanted surprise for a neighbor.

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.

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.

Ice and Snow Removal Ordinances

Not too long from now, the "white" stuff will begin 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.

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, 2015
Deadline to order: December 6, 2015

RETURN THE FORM BELOW & PAYMENT TO:

Kristin Sullivan
1507 King David Drive
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Kristin Sullivan, due when you sign up.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of Kits: _____

Total Amount: $_____ Cash _____ Check _____

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.

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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Email: mmkalcevic@gmail.com and kalcevicm@edc.pitt.edu

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References are available.

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Jessica Dougherty, Age 14
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jdoc312@yahoo.com

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