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New Welcome Hostess — Woodview & Meadowcrest

A special "Thank-You" to Molly Trunzo for taking on the position of Welcome Hostess for Woodview and Meadowcrest. We would also like to thank Stephanie Synan for all of the time she spent as the previous Welcome Hostess for those streets. Brook Park appreciates your willingness to help our neighborhood be such a special one to reside in!

Santa Visits Recap

Santa visited nine homes this holiday season, making 20 children in our neighborhood very happy. Special thanks to Santa and his helper, as well as the many people involved in making this happen. What a fantastic tradition! Thanks to Tana Mitchell for coordinating the visits.

Upcoming Event - Not to Miss

What: Annual Civic Association Meeting
When: Sunday, March 6, 2016
Time: 7 p.m.
Venue: Sir Pizza's Party Room

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.

Caroling and Bonfire Recap

The Inaugural Brook Park Caroling and Bonfire was huge success! More than 70 people attended the event, in what turned out to be unseasonably warm weather. It was great to see so many families and friends spreading holiday joy singing together throughout the neighborhood. Even more joined us for cookies and cocoa at the bonfire afterwards.

Big thanks to Dennis Moul for orchestrating the bonfire, and everyone who donated the delicious baked goods. Jolly times were had by all. Thanks to everyone who joined us. We look forward to the event again next year. Thanks to Drew & Adrienne Fyock for coordinating the event!

Luminary Sale Recap

Thank you to everyone who participated in the neighborhood Christmas Eve luminary project. Our neighborhood looked absolutely magical! A special thanks to Jenn Rivet, Jami Heffley, and Nicki Gronsky for their assistance with advertisement, assembly, and distribution of the kits.

As a first-time chairperson, Kristin Sullivan is open to suggestions regarding the sale. Please email Kristin at kkline.sullivan@gmail.com with your comments or if you would like to help out during the 2016 holiday season. Many thanks to Kristen Sullivan for coordinating the sale.

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.

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.

March 6, 2016	7 p.m.	ANNUAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING @ Sir Pizza Party Room
April 3, 2016	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room

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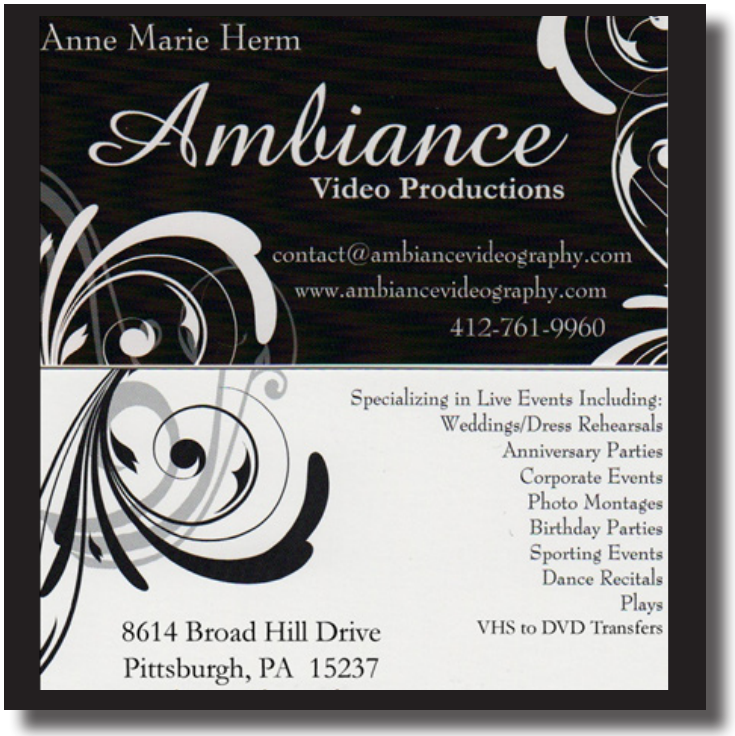

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