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A Huge "Thank You" to the Following:

David Scott, who maintains the front entrance of Brook Park in his spare time. His time and talent have once again paid off, and each year it looks beautiful and is a wonderful welcome to all who enter the neighborhood.

Last Seasons Women's Club Chairs and Co-Chairs

The 2015-2016 Women's Club Chairs and Co-Chairs volunteered their time to coordinate fun events and groups, they are:

BOOK SWAPS:
Jan Haddad

BUNCO 1 (Thursday):
Patty Basara

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Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to all our Brook Park and Field Club graduates. Wishing you success as you all begin your new journeys.

Fassinger Lane Resurfacing

At the Town of McCandless Council meeting on March 28, Town Council approved the street paving plans for this year. The list included Fassinger Lane.

The resurfacing will be from Rochester Road to Broadmeadow Drive. A specific date has not been identified. More information will be shared when available.

Another Successful Brook Park Golf Outing

The Annual Brook Park Men's Golf Outing was held at Hartmann's Deep Valley Golf Course on Sunday May 22. A good turnout of neighbors came out for a day of golf, fun, food, drink, cigars, and camaraderie. The outing was a scramble format with prizes awarded for overall scores and skill events. Lunch and beverages as well as a dinner of steak or seafood was served, followed by the traditional awards and prizes ceremony.

Brook Park Golf Outing First Place Winning Team Trophy being presented by Bill Fatica on the far left to Dave Briggs, Kevin Keelan and Charlie Smith. (Chuck Fusina also on winning team, but not pictured)

Winner's Circle:

First Place Championship: Kevin Keelan, Dave Briggs, Chuck Fusina and Charlie Smith

Longest Drive: Kevin Keelan (notice the two trophies!)

Closest to the Pin: Bud Jackson and Rob Schweninger

Horses Behind: last place, again: A neighborhood team, whose names will go unmentioned

Skill Prize Trophy winners Rob Schweninger (closest to the Pin), Kevin Keelan (won both trophies for longest drive), and Bud Jackson (closest to the Pin)

All golfers participating in the day took home prizes ranging from golf equipment, restaurant gift cards, umbrellas, jackets and golf shits and personal care items.

Big thanks go to those businesses and individuals supporting this year's outing:

- A&M Family Tires
- Andora Restaurant
- Bella Frutteto
- Bruster's (Ingomar Rd and Route19)
- Clover Hill Golf Course
- Denise Golf Academy
- Diamond Run Golf Club
- Don Bernabo Salon
- Eat n' Park (Wexford)
- Joe's Beer Distributor
- Kelly O's Diner
- Kuhn's Market (Ingomar)
- Matteo's Restaurant (Lawrenceville)
- Monte Cello (Wexford)
- Roma Pizza (Route 19)
- Sir Pizza (Ross)
- Sir Pizza (Wexford)
- Sunny Jim's Tavern
- The Franklin Inn
- The Rochester Inn
- Unilever Products Featured at Giant Eagle
- Willow Restaurant

The following individuals were also very generous in contributing various gifts and prizes: Giovanni Cortazzo, Don Bernabo, Paul Katus, Bill Fatica, Keith and Deborah Rust, and Jimmy Trunzo.

Please thank these individuals and patronize and these businesses for the support they provided to this neighborhood function.

We look forward to next year's outing, hoping to make it bigger and better yet! Many thanks go to the team of Bill Fatica, Greg Palchak, and Paul Katus for coordinating the affair.

Hockey Night At The Pool

The neighborhood turned out in force to watch Game 3 of the Stanley Cup finals on the big screen at the Pool on June 4, filling up the pavilion to capacity with black-and-gold fans. Many thanks to all those that helped make this first-time event a reality, coordinating everything and lending screens, projectors, laptops, and sound systems.

We were not deterred by the intermittent rain, having arranged the equipment with that in mind, and enjoyed the shelter of the pavilion. It's not been historically common for Penguins Hockey season and the Brook Park Pool season to overlap, hopefully this year is a start of a new trend and we will have the opportunity to watch Penguins Stanley Cup hockey at the Pool many more years in the future!

Crime Watch Program Now In Effect

How it works:

1. Call 911! That is always the first step.
2. Send Lisa Kocent an email at: LisaKocent.BPMCA@gmail.com. She will send a mass email out to neighbors informing us of the situation and what to be aware of.
   a. If you are not on her email list and wish to be added, please forward your email address to her and request to be added to receive Crime Watch reports. (Please note: you will also receive emails not pertaining to Crime Watch such as items for sale, etc.)

A Crime Watch sign will be posted at the entrance to our neighborhood.

Please watch out for these activities in our neighborhood:

- Someone running from a car or home.
- Someone screaming. If you can't explain the screams, call law enforcement and report them.
- Someone going door-to-door in the neighborhood or looking into windows and parked cars.
- Someone asking about past residents.
- Someone who appears to have no purpose wandering through the neighborhood.
- Unusual or suspicious noises that you cannot explain, such as breaking glass or pounding.
- Vehicles moving slowly without lights or without an apparent destination.
- Business transactions conducted from a vehicle. This could involve the sale of drugs or stolen goods
- Offers of merchandise available for ridiculously low prices. The merchandise might be stolen.
- Someone walking or running while carrying property at an unusual time or place.
- Someone removing property from unoccupied residences.
- A stranger entering a neighbor's home which appears to be unoccupied.
- A stranger in a car who stops to talk to a child.
- A child resisting the advances of an adult.

Most all of us have phones with cameras. Please use this tool to video any suspicious activity if possible. Note license plate numbers.

It's Time for Swine

The end of August means the start of school, and more importantly, the Annual Pig Roast and Family Picnic! This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2016, at the pool. There is guaranteed to be fun, friends, food, and some great entertainment. To ensure another successful year we need volunteers to help out. If you would like to do so, please type your name in any opening on the online sign up sheet — it is posted on the pool's website.

Make your reservation by completing the form below and returning it along **WITH** your payment to Mary Mann.

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS. NO GLASS - PLASTIC AND PAPER ONLY!

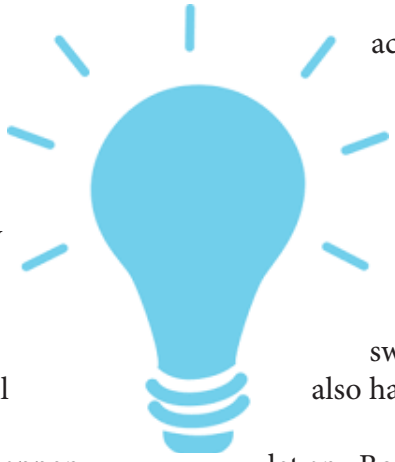
Information (Food order form and volunteer sign up) is posted on the pool's website: www.brookparkswimclub.com.

The torch has been passed and I am excited to be planning this event. Looking forward to another amazing picnic. Any questions contact feel free to email me at mjmann1231@gmail.com.

Pirate Game Coordinator Needed

We are still in need of someone to volunteer to coordinate this year's Pirate Game. If you are interested or have questions, please email LisaKocent.BPMCA@gmail.com.

Wanted: Event Ideas



Do you have an idea for a neighborhood activity or event? Have you ever thought "someone should organize a _____?" The Civic Association is interested in hearing your ideas. We do lots of cool stuff already, but there's always room for more!

Just this past year we added a smashingly successful Christmas Caroling and Bonfire - it was a wonderful time, attended by over 70 people. We expect it to be an annual tradition. Upcoming this year we expect to also add a Christmas Tree lighting event (with the switch to be thrown by a certain jolly, red-suited, white-bearded fellow who will also have candy canes for the little ones).

So if there's something you'd like to see happen, let any Board member know by email, in person, or even if you want to stop by the monthly Civic Association meeting. You can be the inspiration for the next great neighborhood tradition!

Family Picnic and Pig Roast Sign Up

Date: Saturday August 27

What to Bring:
- A dessert to share in/on plastic or paper container
- Your own drinks (NO GLASS)
- A chair (they fill up fast)
- Singing voice for karaoke
- Expectations for a lot of fun

Times:

Entertainment (TBD):	3:30 p.m.
Baking Contest Entries Deadline:	4 p.m.
Baking Contest Winners Announced:	4:45 p.m.
Dinner:	5 p.m.
Evening Entertainment (TBD):	5 p.m.

Deadline to Sign-Up: August 20

After 8/20, contact Mary Mann ***to see if there are any openings available.***

Limit is 150

NO LATE SIGN-UPS OR SIGN-UPS AT GATE ON THAT DAY WILL BE ACCEPTED

RETURN THE FORM BELOW & PAYMENT TO:

Mary Mann
1551 King Charles Drive
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MARY MANN, due when you sign up.

Name_____ Total Amount: $_____

#_____ Adults (Age 14 & up) x $12.00 = $_____

#_____ Age 6–13 x $7.00 = $_____ #_____ Age 5 & Under x FREE

Upcoming Pool Events

What: Fourth of July Picnic
When: Monday, July 4, 2016
Time: 12 - 8 p.m.

What: Mexican Fiesta
When: Saturday, July 16, 2016
Time: 5 - 10 p.m.

What: Ladies Night
When: Thursday, August 11, 2016
Time: 7:30 - 11:30 p.m.

What: Pig Roast
When: Thursday, August 27, 2016

Other events to be scheduled.

Civic Association Dues Are Due

Civic Association Annual Dues for 2016/2017 are now due. Invoices were mailed in early February. If you have not yet paid your dues, please plan to do so now.

Use PayPal to Pay Civic Dues

Membership Dues can be paid via PayPal account or credit card. To pay using PayPal:

- Visit www.brookparkmanor.com
- Click on "Pay Now"

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.

June 25, 2016	7 p.m.	Men's Night at the Pool
July 10, 2016	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room
August 7, 2016	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room
August 20, 2016	N/A	**DEADLINE:** To Sign Up for Pig Roast
August 27, 2016	12-10 p.m.	Pig Roast & Family Picnic
September 10, 2016	12:30-9 p.m.	McCandless Community Day
September 11, 2016	7 p.m.	Civic Board Meeting @ Sir Pizza Party Room

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