

Brook Park Journal

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We are... Brook Park!

What type of community do you want? Do you like living in a place where neighbors know each other? Where neighborhood parties happen? Where holiday events occur? Where play groups (for kids AND adults) exist? Then, WE NEED YOU! There are many areas where we need community involvement in this month's neighborhood newsletter. Whether you want to get dirty and welcome residents home, HELP organize an event or group or be a part of the board, we NEED you! Many people say they love Brook Park because it is cozy, friendly and active, but that doesn't just happen. It takes someone like YOU to make it happen. Help make this community a place people love. Be the reason Brook Park is awesome!



Easter Egg Hunt: April 9!

Hello neighbors! With all the snow and cold, it is hard to believe that we are already thinking about and planning the spring Easter Egg Hunt. Please check out the flyer on page 4. If you or someone in your family is interested in helping out, please contact Holly Kikel at hollykikel@gmail.com.

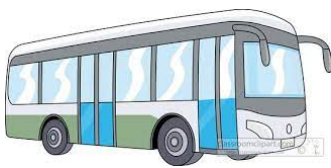


Class of 2022 Upcoming Feature

Hey graduating seniors and parents of graduating seniors! This is your heads up that we will again be featuring graduating seniors in the June issue of the Brook Park Newsletter. Start thinking about what you would like to share in that newsletter. Be on the lookout for the link to the Google Form for you to share your information.

Get on Board! (the Civic Association Board)

Beep beep! The bus is leaving, are you on it! It's time to get on board! We need individuals to serve as alternates on the Brook Park Civic Association board. What exactly does this entail? You would sit in on the Board's monthly meetings and be a valued voice as we make decisions about your community. If a regular board member is absent, you may step in to fill their spot.



This is a great way to see how decisions get made and see what issues are impacting our community. It is also a great way to try out joining the board before "making it official."

Please consider serving. If you're ready to help your community, please email brookparkmanor@gmail.com. Your time would be very much appreciated!

Brook Park Entrance Keepers Needed

When you see the Brook Park Manor sign on Rochester Road, you get that sigh of relief knowing you're home! The landscaping around it is a lovely extra touch of home to greet you. Our long time landscaper, David Scott has decided to retire and we are desperately in need of a



group of people to step up to continue making this spot a warm welcome to residents and guests alike. No one person should shoulder this responsibility, unless

you REALLY want to, so we are looking to form a group to keep our entrance beautiful. This opportunity is great for those who enjoy being outside, getting dirty, being creative and/or giving back to our community. It could also work for anyone needing service hours, families looking to complete a project together. David is willing to teach the next generation of entrance keepers the ins and outs of the job AND all costs for plants will be covered by Brook Park Civic Association. We have already seen some warm and sunny days meaning spring and summer will soon be upon us, so the sooner we can get volunteers the better!. If you are willing to give a small bit of your time, please provide your contact information [here](#).

Pool Club REMINDER:

Remember to renew by April 15! After that date, we cannot guarantee your spot. Register at <http://brookparkswimclub.wildapricot.org/>

A Neighborhood Like No Other

One of the many things discussed at the annual meeting was, "What activities should we resume?" It was enthusiastically determined that WE SHOULD DO ALL THE THINGS...AND MORE!

We are very fortunate to live in a vibrant, thriving community full of people who want opportunities to come together and have a good time. We on the civic board want to see that not only continue, but GROW. AND...we are ready to support those efforts! Below is a list of past and current events/activities. We are ready to help you plan, organize and recruit! See something you want to happen in your community? Reach out! Have an idea that isn't on this list? GREAT!!! We want to hear your ideas AND support your efforts! We MAY even have some funds to help get the ball rolling. Ready? Email Heather Byers at byers_heather@hotmail.com.

Let's make sure Brook Park isn't just surviving. Let's get Brook Park THRIVING. Let's come together and enjoy being a community!

Spring Egg Hunt
 Golf Outing
 Garage Sale
 Men's Night
 Ladies' Night
 Pig Roast/Backyard BBQ
 Fall Social
 Halloween Parade
 Scavenger Hunt
 Fall Festival
 6-Pack & A Snack/Happy Hour
 Block Party Phase 1
 Block Party Phase 2
 Roller Skating/Ice Skating
 Luminaries
 Pirate Game
 Bonfire
 Santa Visits
 Kalahari Trip
 Bunco
 Creative Cooking
 Kid Connection

Scavenger Hunt: Volunteer Search!

It was begun in April of 2020 as a way to lift spirits, get people out and exercising and provide neighbors with something to DO. After 2 years, people are asking if the neighborhood scavenger hunt is here to stay. The answer to that lies with YOU. Our organizer, Heather Byers, is



ready to pass the torch and teach the next generation of organizers how it's done. It is VERY easy to put together and takes little time or effort. Plus, neighbors are super grateful and supportive. If you're interested, email Heather at byers_heather@hotmail.com.

Brook Park Mail Tubes: FREE!

Hey neighbors! Are you looking to get a Brook Park mail tube? They make collecting materials for any neighborhood activity super easy and convenient. If you are involved with any neighborhood group or ever drop things in neighbor's mailboxes, you need one! Interested in getting one? Please email brookparkmanor@gmail.com and you can get yours, for free!

Down on the Farm



It has been reported, by Farmer Fassinger's daughter June, that Sophie the Cow is living her best cow life. She is happy in her pasture on the Fassinger's grandson's property. Sophie, we miss you!

St. John Neumann Indoor Garage Sale

Benefits Appalachia Outreach Ministry

March 26, 2022 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Famous "Bag Sale" at Noon

2230 Rochester Rd. Franklin Park 15237

Coffee & Donuts Available

Donations of Saleable Items Accepted
 March 21 - 25 from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

No computers, TVs, Large Exercise Equipment

(Please Save Clothing until Appalachia Clothing Drive in July)

Questions: Email Lale at LVirotek@sjnpittsburgh.org

TIPS FROM THE PROS: REAL ESTATE

Ask your local REALTOR®: Should you write a letter to a homeseller?

We're often asked if writing a personal letter to a homeseller can give a potential buyer a competitive edge when submitting a bid. While this strategy often worked in years past, it's not something that we recommend now. Why? Because technology and the fast-paced market have redefined how home sales take place.



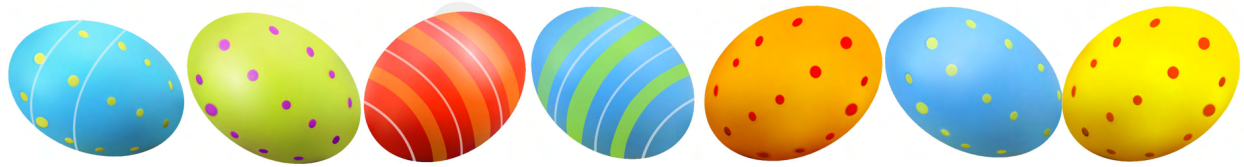
In today's housing market, there's a chance buyers and sellers will barely meet prior to closing, thanks to busy schedules, Covid, and online house tours. Some buyers even purchase sight-unseen. This is very different from the market of the early 2000s when online listings were a relatively new thing and homes weren't moving for months—and when they did sell, it was often below asking price. Fast forward to today. In the time it takes to write a letter to the seller, an offer may already be made on the house by someone else!

A better tactic is to work with a real estate agent who can help you to prepare the best offer possible--one that stands out among others that are inevitably going to be submitted to the seller. If you're getting ready to buy or sell, contact me. My experience will help to guide you through the process. I take pride in being "your friend in real estate!"

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hop on over!

brook park manor's
annual easter egg hunt

saturday april 9 at 10:30am

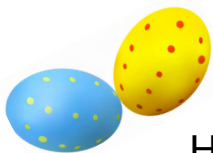
Wall Memorial Park on Sloop Road
Rain, Snow or Sun!
For children up to & including age 12
Limit 1 dozen eggs per child

Bring a dozen cookies to share!



Find the GOLDEN EGG and win a prize!
Bring your own basket.

Cost: Civic Association Members: \$5/child
Non-Members: \$6/child



Please return form & check or cash by March 28 to:
Holly Kikel, 8610 Broad Hill. Checks payable to BPMCA

NAME: _____ Email: _____

Can you assist either prior to or on day of the event
Are you a Civic Association member?

Y or N
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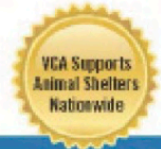
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