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Brook Park Journal

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS!



Brook Park Graduates 2022

We are so excited to feature some of our Brook Park 2022 graduates. The Class of 2022 achieved so much in only three “normal” years of high school. We are so proud of our graduates, who have come through with flying colors. Their sophomore and junior years were affected by the pandemic, and nothing was easy, but the Class of '22 didn't let this slow them down. To our graduates: you did it, and your neighbors here in Brook Park are proud of you and excited for your futures!!! We are proud to be your village and wish ALL of our graduates the best of luck. We know you will go on to achieve great things in the world.

To all those who missed the publication date: we know graduation is such a whirlwind! Enjoy it! Much love & CONGRATULATIONS to all!



**Scott Nalepa
NA Class of 2022**



Next Steps: studying chemistry at Virginia Tech
Fav Brook Park Memory: The Phase I Block Parties in the summertime
Most excited about: Running track & cross country for Virginia Tech as well as new experiences and meeting new friends!



**Maggie Bridges,
NA Class of 2022**



Next Steps: San Diego State Honors College
Fav Brook Park Memory: Although we weren't always the #1 team in the league Maggie has been so grateful for the family and friends she's has made being both a swimmer and a coach for the Brook Park Manorays
Most excited about: starting on a Pre-Law track in the sunny state of California



Fiona Kalcevic, NA Class of 2022

Next Steps: University of Pittsburgh, College of Business Admin

Fav Brook Park Memory: Making my first friendships at the Brook Park Pool at age 3 and enjoying those summer pool days through elementary school and early middle school.

Most excited about: Looking forward to meeting new people and taking advantage of the traveling opportunities through the Pitt business program as well as Pitt study abroad.



**Rachel Lessure
NA Class of 2022**

Next Steps: Temple University

Fav Brook Park Memory:

Rachel enjoyed the end of the year neighborhood pool party/ Pig Roasts.

Most excited about:

**Patrick Keenan
NA Class of 2022**

Next Steps:

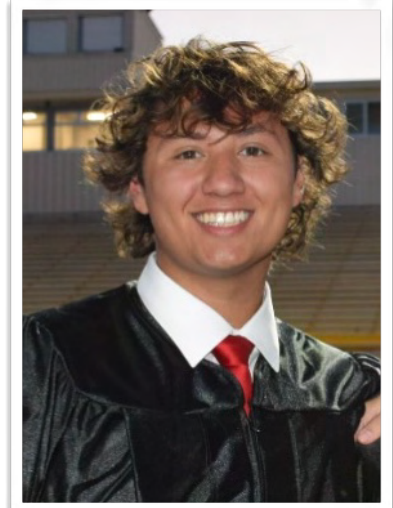
Penn State
Biology Major

Fav Brook Park Memory:

Swim Team!

Most excited about:

College life!



Rachel will be a coxswain on the Temple University Rowing Team!

**Congratulations
Scavenger Hunt Winners!**

Despite the rain and gloom, several intrepid scavenger hunters pounded the pavement in search of items hidden throughout the neighborhood.

Congrats to Emi Konkel and Layla Bopp for finding the most items in the scavenger hunt this year. They each found 38 items!

Honorable mentions also go to the Kikel family (34 items), Brynn Doyle (34 items) and the Bukowinski family (33 items)

A huge THANK YOU to Jessica Campbell for organizing and thank you to all residents who hid items on their property! Neighborhood events wouldn't happen without people like you!

New Neighbor Welcome

It's not news to many that our neighborhood has welcomed many new residents over the past year. It's also not news that Brook Park is a uniquely connected and active neighborhood. That connection is one of the things many of us love about where we live. We need your help to keep that connection alive. With all the new residents, as you welcome them yourself, please also make our welcome hosts aware of our new neighbors. These welcome hosts provide our new neighbors with directories, menus, coupons and more upon moving into the neighborhood. It's the "official" welcome and they provide lots of practical aids. **If you are aware of new neighbors, please contact Mardy Byrnes at mardybyrnes@gmail.com.** She can notify the appropriate welcoming host to officially reach out to any new neighbors. THANK YOU for keeping your eye out and for welcoming our new neighbors yourselves!

Pool Update

The 2022 pool season is off and running! Brook Park Swim Club has already hosted several events: an opening day tailgate, beer exchange, free floats, end of school year bash and preschool party. There are many more scheduled for the weeks to come including men’s night, tie dye, corn hole and bingo, plus more. That’s not all! In addition to special events, BPSC is again hosting the Manorays (youth swim team) and twice weekly yoga. It’s a happenin’ place to be! We thank all residents who have supported the Brook Park Swim Club! It is a thriving community because of your support.



Brook Park Mens Night 2022

Brook Park Men's Night 2022 is scheduled for Saturday June 25th at the Pool Pavilion from 8pm to midnight (rain or shine).
If you're new to the neighborhood, come on down and meet your neighbors! If you're not new, come down and hang out with the neighbors you know and love, and meet some new ones!

- Drink: BYOB (no glass)
- Food: Bring something to share if you can
- Activities: drinking, talking, eating, sitting around the firepit, cornhole, poker and who knows what else....

Please reply to Dennis Moul dennis-bpm@HQ99.net so a headcount can be kept.

Let your neighborhood guy friends know about it as well, not everyone reads the newsletter. If you can bring a cornhole set or poker chip set, please let Dennis know. Firepit and tunes are already covered.



6 Pack & A Snack Parties are Back!

The first of the new 2022 run of "6 Pack & a Snack" neighborhood house parties was a rousing success on Friday June 17th. Many thanks to gracious hosts Kathy Evans-Palmisano and Glenn Wright and the merry band of attendees. We are looking forward to many more! Here's how it works: for the party just bring whatever you want to drink for yourself, and some food to share. The host provides the house and ice, and sets an optional cap on the number of attendees. Signup is self-serve through a Google Doc. The only requirement is that you be a member of the Brook Park Manor Civic Association, there is no charge for each event. If you are interested, please fill out [this brief form](#) to get on the list. If you already filled it out, you don't need to do it again, we still have your info. We have 70 people signed up to be notified of each party already, so join the fun!



We are working on planning the next party, stay tuned!

Helpful Neighborhood Links

Looking to buy or sell an item? Trying to find a local service? Check these links for neighborhood marketplace pages.
Brook Park [Website](#)
Brook Park [Facebook page](#)
Brook Park [Market Place Facebook page](#) (for selling items)

Food Truck Schedule



Brook Park - get out for dinner in your own cozy neighborhood! We kicked off the Food Truck season last month and love having this convenience. Please save the dates and come out to support these great local businesses, AND save yourself a day of meal planning & prep!

Weds, July 6	Mission Mahi 4:30-7p
Weds, Aug 3	B's Sips of Summer, 4-7p
Weds, Aug 17	Benvenutis Pizza Truck 4-7p <i>(Back to School Neighborhood Pizza Party)</i>
Weds, Sept 7	Kilimanjaro, 4-7p
Weds, Oct 5	Cilantro and Ajo, 4-7p

TIPS FROM THE PROS: REAL ESTATE

Ask your local REALTOR®: Top 5 Summer Home Updates

Whether you’re looking for a change or just want to be in the competition for best looking home on the block, check out these updates to get your home summer-ready:

- Add new mulch to flower beds and plant bright flowers that pop with color. Marigolds are deer resistant in come in all shapes, sizes, and hues of yellow and orange.
- Get new cushions for outdoor chairs. Over time, the sun can fade colors, making your outdoor living space look much less inviting. New, cozy cushions and outdoor pillows are an immediate upgrade to your outside décor.
- Paint the front door. A quick and easy way to give your home a fresh look is with a fresh coat of paint on the most eye-catching part of your home. Popular colors include blues, yellows, and reds—but pick what matches your home and your style!
- Trim back shrubs and trees to ensure that you (and friends) can safely walk up your walkway or driveway.
- Add some native plants to your garden—these beautiful plants attract and support birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects—and they thrive in our environment.

Need more inspiration? Contact me for ideas on making your home look its very best!



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Nell Rose Foreman
★★★★★ 10 weeks ago

Kathy is by far one of the most organized person I know. She is effective, efficient and pleasant to work with. I know if I need something completed, if I have Kathy in charge, I know I am in good hands! I can sit back and relax, which as a business owner is rare. Do yourself a favor and hire her to help you!



Regina Rivers
★★★★★ 12 weeks ago

Kathy's skills at organizing astound me! She enters, assesses the situation and digs right in. She's energetic, efficient and trustworthy. Kathy understands the difference between memorabilia and clutter and works with her clients from this compassionate viewpoint. She knows that a cluttered space creates a cluttered mind and vice-versa. Want to free yourself from inner and outer clutter? Call Kathy!



Deborah Crawford
★★★★★ 29 weeks ago

Kathy helped me to organize my office which had not been done for 10 or 15 years. She took what was a mess and made it logical enough for me to use it all the time. Even when I came back from our Florida home to our PA home after five months. She is worth every penny and will make your life a lot easier if you hire her to do this organizing for you. I am able to find things that I never thought I could find with her help.

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