

Brook Park Journal

Social Groups & Events are BACK!

We are thrilled to announce that social groups are once again up and running in full force! Always known for connection between residents, Brook Park has keenly felt the restrictions and precautionary measures over the past few years. Finally, in fall of 2022, every social group has a chair and a healthy list of participants. We are hopeful for an uninterrupted year of togetherness. Events are looking similar! It is exciting to see life moving in this direction. A full list of social events & groups is shown at right. If there is one you would like to join, reach out to either the chair or Heather Byers at byers_heather@hotmail.com.



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Save the Date!

We have a few exciting annual events coming up again this fall:



- Phase I Block Party, Saturday, Oct. 15, 3-6:00 on Broad Meadow Dr.
- The annual Brook Park Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday, October 29. Costumes, music and more! Details to come.

Food Truck Season Wrap-Up

One final fab food truck to round out our season:

Weds, Oct 5 Cilantro and Ajo, 4-7p

Thank you for supporting these local businesses.

Check your email for other pop-up food truck dates and details!

Social Events & Chairpeople:

Adult Fall Social

Rebecca Zellers

Halloween Parade

Holly Persic and Amanda Meyers

Bonfire

Dennis Moul

Luminaries

Amy Kane and Erin Vita

Easter Egg Hunt

Holly Kikel

Plant Swap

Susannah Hilliard and Erin Vita

Scavenger Hunt

Jessica Campbell and Katy Evans-Palmisano

Garage Sale

vacant

Social Groups & Chairpeople

6 Pack

Dennis Moul

Book Swap

Jan Haddad

Thursday Bunco

Patty Basara

Tuesday Bunco

Phyllis Musial

Creative Cooking

Colleen Paulson and Nicki Gronsky

Kid Connection

Susannah Hilliard

6 Pack & A Snack Parties Return

The second "6 Pack & a Snack" neighborhood house party of 2022 is set for Friday September 23rd.

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 over 80 people signed up to be notified of each party already, so join the fun!

Bus Safety Reminder!

School buses are now rolling through the neighborhood. For the safety and convenience of residents, especially the kids, all neighbors are asked to park cars in their garages and driveways. There are always temporary exceptions: guests, teenage drivers, basketball games, emergency vehicles. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.



Backyard BBQ Recap

It was a beautiful August 28! The sun was shining, the air was hot and the water felt great. It was the return of the Backyard BBQ, formerly Pig Roast and a great time was had by all that attended! Several volunteers organized and ran kids' games all afternoon. Kids could be seen enjoying a fishing pond, plinko, water games, and a pinata while adults enjoyed the pool, socializing and/or the 2nd beer exchange of the season. A pulled pork dinner was provided by The Flame BBQ. Volunteers served dinner to nearly 200 hungry diners. Everyone's sweet tooth was satisfied by the dessert buffet provided by attendees. Everything from brownies to cupcakes could be found and it was all delicious! The day was capped off by an incredible performance by local band, Blind Colours. The band includes neighborhood teen Dom Carcia and played favorites such as "Stacy's Mom" and "Aeroplane." It was truly a GREAT day and all welcome this long time tradition back with open arms!



POOL CLUB SEASON ENDS

Labor Day signified the official close of our 2022 swim season, but what an amazing season it was! From the opening day tailgate to the Backyard BBQ this season was PACKED with all kinds of summer fun including beer exchanges, movies, men's night, bunco, synchronized swim clinic, ice cream floats, tie dying and more. We can't forget to mention the incredible season the Manorays had! The pool even saw some small upgrades including a water bottle refiller and new striping in the parking lot.

None of this would have been possible without the amazing volunteers that keep Brook Park Swim Club running. From emails to mechanics, from bookkeeping to event planning, Brook Park Swim Club is 100% volunteer run and they do an amazing job. We would not have this neighborhood asset without them. Thank you! The same can be said of the Manorays swim team. From concessions to score keeping, volunteers do it all. Volunteers in both organizations are helping to make great summertime memories possible for members. They cannot be thanked enough!

As we say goodbye to 2022's swim season, we begin looking towards the 2023 swim season. Upgrades are being discussed and members have been surveyed seeking ideas for future directions. Thank you to all who have support this community asset through the years!

TIPS FROM THE PROS



Ask your local REALTOR®: Fall interior décor - on a budget

If you're putting your home on the market this fall, incorporate the season into your décor to boost appeal to potential buyers. Fall decorating tends toward "warmth," so think about new comfy blankets and throw pillows—and even candles that are lightly scented with fall smells like pumpkin. Talk to your REALTOR® to be sure that your choices are adding value—not clutter.



Area rugs also provide a layer of warmth between your toes and an autumn-cooled wood floor, making your home cozy and inviting. The look of a new rug also quickly freshens up the space.

Think about the little things, too, like an autumn-themed bunch of flowers on the dining room table. These touches show how much you care about the inside of your home—and can help to connect with the next family envisioning their future experiences in the house.

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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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