

# Brook Park Journal



## Save the Date: Halloween Parade!

Our annual Brook Park Halloween Parade will take place on Saturday October 29, 2pm. Parade begins at Broad Hill Drive & King James Dr; we will have games, crafts & refreshments at the end (King Albert cul de sac). Please note there is no parking on the parade route between 1-4pm as we need the roads open for the parade. We are collecting donations for the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company via cash or check, dropped off to 1510 King David Drive prior to parade day. This is a FREE event and no sign-up is required.

## Creative Cooking: Ladies Night Out!

Creative cooking has been retooled and rebranded as Ladies Night Out and it is off to a spectacular start. Each month this group will gather giving members a fun night out. As you can see, this month, in honor of Halloween, members let their inner witches out for the night for an evening of good food and fun games. Laughter and conversation filled the Kalcevic home as the Brook Park coven enjoyed each other's company.



Upcoming events include a painting party, holiday party, ax throwing and floral arranging. Interested in joining? Reach out to the group's chairs, Nicki Gronsky or Colleen Paulson.

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## Municipal Updates

Happy October! Here are some updates from our local municipalities:

### McCANDLESS:

Halloween trick-or-treating will take place on Monday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

### McCandleless Fall Leaf Pick-Up

Program **begins Monday, October 17, 2022 and will run through Wednesday, November 23, 2022.** There will be no leaf pick up on Saturdays and Sundays, or Election Day (Nov. 8). The Town utilizes leaf vacuum trucks on most streets.

LEAVES ONLY are to be raked onto the curb and gutter line. No tree limbs, grass clippings or other yard waste will be collected by this method. Please make sure your leaf piles are at the curb (still in your front yard, but at the edge of the street), not in the street. Leaves in the street can cause traffic safety issues and block storm drain catch basins. Due to the reach of the vacuum, please try to make sure your leaf pile is no more than 2 feet from the curb. The vacuums will pick up anything that is under them (stones, mulch, etc.), so be mindful of where you rake your leaves.

### FRANKLIN PARK:

Franklin Park Borough will hold Trick or Treat on Halloween Day, Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:00p

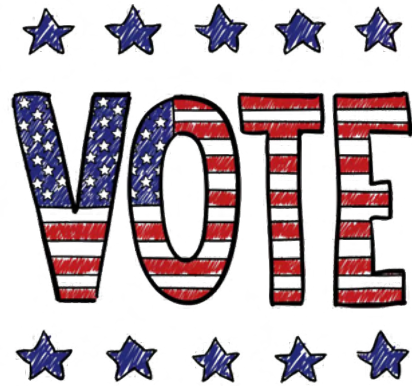
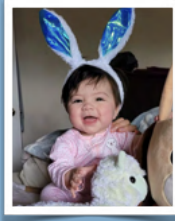
Fall curbside leaf bag collection begins the week of October 24, 2022:

- Week 1 - October 24**
- Week 2 - November 7**
- Week 3 - November 14**
- Week 4 - November 28**
- Week 5 - December 5**

There will be no leaf bag collection the weeks of October 31 and November 21. All dates are subject to change. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT RESIDENTS UTILIZE THE CURBSIDE COLLECTION PROCESS. Many residents have been taking leaf bags directly to the Yard Waste Drop Off site. We ask that you please utilize the curbside pick up over the next several weeks instead.

## Searching for a Brook Park Home

My name is Lily. My grandma Kathy Evans-Palmisano, has lived in this neighborhood for 30 years. My mom grew up here and I'd like to grow up here, too. If anyone is thinking about selling their house, could you please call or message my Gram? Thank you! *Kathy Evans-Palmisano, 412-298-2016*



## Brook Park Voter Information

Are you ready for the Midterm Elections on November 8? Brook Park is one neighborhood with 2 municipalities, 2 PA state senate districts, and 2 different polling places. Did you know... The McCandless side of the plan had a 41.9% turnout rate in the May Primary vs. a 37.6% turnout in the Franklin Park side. Both sides beat the county average of 37.2%. Here's all the info you need to find your candidates and your polling place.

### Brook Park Phase 1 or 2 VOTER INFO

McCandless ward 4, precinct 3  
 US Congressional District PA17  
 PA State Senate District 38  
 PA State House District 30  
 Your polling place is the Christian Chinese Church, 8711 Old Wm Penn Highway, 15237  
 (between the Highland Fire Station and CCAC North.)  
[>Phase 1 & 2 Sample Ballot<](#)

### Brook Park Phase 3 VOTER INFO

Franklin Park ward 2, precinct 3  
 US Congressional District 17  
 PA State Senate District 37\* (this seat is not up for election until 2024)  
 PA State House District 30  
 Your polling place is the Life Pointe Alliance Church, 2298 Rochester Rd, 15237  
 (recently changed from St John Neuman's)  
[>Phase 3 Sample Ballot<](#)

If you choose to vote by mail or absentee, your polling place is your kitchen table. The deadline to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot is November 1, but that is cutting it close on the turn-around time. If you wish to vote absentee or by mail, apply for a mail-in ballot at [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov) ASAP. Mail-in ballots must be returned to and received by the County Elections Office by 8:00 pm on Election Day. Mail early -postmarks do not count. The return envelope requires 1 First Class "forever" stamp.

## What's on the Ballot Nov 8?

Unless you have recently gone off the grid, you probably know that there are races for US Senate, PA Governor & Lt Governor, and US Congress this fall. All Brook Parkers will see the same candidates in these races. There are 5 candidates in each of these contests, with the Libertarian, Green and Keystone parties all participating. See the voters' guides listed below for info.

Seats in the Pennsylvania General Assembly are also on the ballot. All Brook Park residents are in the 30th State House district where Democrat Arvind Venkat is running against Republican Cindy Kirk. Brook Park Phase 1 & 2 residents (McCandless) are in the 38th State Senate district, where Democrat Lindsey Williams is running against Republican Lori Mizgorski. (There is no State Senate for Phase 3 residents who are in the 37th State Senate district. This seat will be contested in 2024.)

Ballot Question There is one county-wide ballot question asking whether the County Home Rule Charter should be amended to allow County Council members to remain in office while running for a different political office. Currently, they are required to resign from County Council before running for a different seat. A "yes" vote is a vote to amend the rule to allow County Council members to remain in office while running for a different office. A "no" vote is a vote to keep the rule in place.

You can find local, non-partisan, voter information at

[vote411.org](http://vote411.org) -Enter your address to view info candidates on your ballot

[www.lwvpg.org](http://www.lwvpg.org) -League of Women Voters - Local candidate and voting info

[Allegheny Co Voters Guide](#)

[WESA Pittsburgh Voters Guide](#)



TIPS FROM THE PROS



**Ask your local REALTOR®: Prepping your home for winter**

Winter is coming! And it's time to be sure your home is ready. Here's a quick list of suggestions to help you prepare for when the cold weather truly sets in.



Get a furnace tune-up. This should be a part of your yearly routine. It extends the life of your furnace and helps you to identify potential problems before they become big issues. Also, remember to change your furnace filter monthly. A clean filter takes pressure off of the furnace blower and helps it to be more efficient in heating your home.



Pick up a bag of ice melter, and while you're at it, an extra snow brush. Get gas for your snowblower and make sure it starts - it may need an oil change or other quick maintenance and it's best to do this in advance.



PS - The housing market is still hot, so don't let the cold weather keep you from listing your home. Contact me if you're thinking about selling. Call or email today!

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# Brook Park's Annual Halloween Parade

## October 29th at 2pm

Parade, Games, Crafts & Refreshments!!

To show our appreciation, we are collecting donations for the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company via cash or check dropped off to 1510 King David Drive prior to parade day.

This event is free, and no sign-up is required!

Parade starts at Broad Hill Drive and King James Drive and ends at King Albert cul de sac



Please **No Parking** on Parade Route from 1-4pm



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- Any desert mix
- Canvas shopping bags

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