

# Brook Park Journal



## Easter Egg Hunt Recap

The annual Brook Park Easter Egg Hunt took place on Saturday, March 25th, at Wall Park. We had 78 happy egg hunters. Three children found golden eggs and won cash prizes! The kids also enjoyed face painting, games, a craft and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make this event possible! See you next year!



## Golf Outing Return!

Brook Park Men's Golf Outing is tentatively scheduled for Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>. This was the best available date away from Mother's Day and Memorial Day Weekends. We currently have 28 interested. If we get to 72 we can have a shotgun start. If interested, respond to Dan Rodgers: [danjrogers88@outlook.com](mailto:danjrogers88@outlook.com) Foursomes are not required, just reach out if you'd like to participate!

## It's Food Truck Time!

Food Truck season has officially begun!

You can find our monthly food truck treats at 9041 Woodview again this year to find some great eats for your family dinner! Food trucks will visit approximately once a month. Our current schedule is below. Please note, more may be added depending on turn-out! So come on out!

**April 19 -**  
Hummus Pgh (Gyros)

**May 31 -**  
Totopo (Mexican)

**June 28 -**  
Mission Mahi  
(Fish/chicken)

**July 19 -**  
South Side BBQ

**August & September TBD**

**October 18 -**  
Little Nicky's (Italian)

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**Brook Park Volunteer Opportunities!**

If you've thought about getting more involved in our neighborhood, now is your chance! A number of roles are coming open for the first time in several years:

- Civic Association Treasurer
- Newsletter Editor
- Storage keeper
- Men's Night organizer
- Garage Sale organizer

**Civic Association Treasurer** - Dennis Moul is stepping down after 12 years as Treasurer (Thanks Dennis!). You don't need to have any accounting experience for this role, just be reasonably good with numbers, detail-oriented, and willing to contribute a few hours a month of your time. Not a high-visibility role, but an essential one! Dennis will assist for a smooth transition.

**Newsletter Editor** - Theresa Wilkinson is stepping down after 7 years as Editor (Thanks Theresa!). This can be a fun way to express your creative / graphic design side, and help keep the neighborhood informed. Most of the content generally comes to you from the Board and from activity organizers, and you put it together into a coherent whole. You can add new features too, like Theresa added the much-appreciated Graduating Senior photos and post-high-school plans issue in the Spring. Theresa can assist in getting you started.

**Storage keeper** - The Civic Association maintains a 5x5 storage unit for records, signs, event supplies, and so forth. The cost for this unit has nearly doubled over the last several years, and as careful stewards of your membership dues the Board is re-evaluating this arrangement. We are looking for a neighbor willing to store this material in their basement or garage and be able to provide occasional access to it. An honorarium could be paid in recognition of this assistance, and shelving can be provided.

**Mens' Night organizer** - Dennis Moul is stepping down as organizer of the annual Men's Night gathering at the Pool after 11 years (Thanks again, Dennis!). It's pretty easy, just set a date with the Pool, and round up the neighborhood guys to attend. It's BYOB and everyone brings some food to share. The Civic Association provides supplies, and Dennis can assist with planning.

**Garage Sale organizer** - Sally Swegan is stepping down as organizer of the bi-annual Garage Sale after 8 years (Thanks Sally!). She is willing to help with materials and can assist with planning.

If any of these roles interest you, please email [brookparkmanor@gmail.com](mailto:brookparkmanor@gmail.com) with your interest.



**Online Resources**

Did you know Brook Park has multiple Facebook pages or groups you can follow? Whether you are looking for event info, logistics or trying to buy/sell items, these community sites can be a great resource. Click the links below to go directly to these Facebook groups or pages:

[Brook Park Market Place FB](#)

Facebook group limited to very local online buy/sell/ trade interactions

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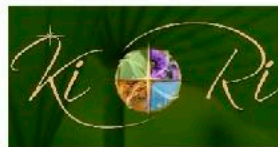
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