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PINE BROOK NEWS
THE PINE BROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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Katrina Relief Drive

A drive to gather relief supplies for victims of Hurricane Katrina, held at the Pavilion, was a great success. Twenty Pine Brook families donated enough items to fill ten very large boxes with school supplies, backpacks, water bottles, and other items. The boxes were shipped to shelters in Louisiana and Texas. A great big Thank You goes to Josette Plank, Roger Lose and Stephanie Lepley for organizing and holding this event. Another thank you goes to the folks at Fed Ex for giving an extra special rate for shipping. Most of the boxes weighed over 40 pounds, but Fed Ex only charged \$5 per box. This helped out greatly as Josette, Roger and Stephanie paid for the costs of this relief drive out of their own pockets and from some cash donations they got that day.

President's Corner:

Asking Neighbors

I'm here to ask for your help. Not for dues money (at least this time) but your time, knowledge and expertise.

The Pine Brook Civic Association continues to evolve. Three years ago we were struggling to survive. Today we're a stable organization, financially sound, and are trying to deal proactively with issues that are on the horizon for the PBCA.

At board meetings, the same questions about our three park properties keep coming up: 'What's the big picture? What's the future for these properties? What's our plan?'

And that's where we need your help.



October PBCA Annual Meeting

Don't forget the Pine Brook Civic Association Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 24th at 7 pm at Pavilion Park. The meeting is open to all Pine Brook residents. The main items on the agenda will be the election of secretary, treasurer and board members. The 2006 budget will be presented and the dues amount for next year will be announced. Please attend so your voice can be heard on the future direction of the association.

Calendar

October 23rd, Sunday, 3:30 – 6:30 pm
PBCA Pumpkin Patch Party @ Pavilion Park.

October 24th, Monday, 7:00 pm PBCA Annual Meeting @ Pavilion Park.

November 21st, Monday, 7:00 pm
PBCA Board meeting @ 211 Lamp Post Ln.

December 21st, Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Caroling In The Park @ Pavilion Park

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The Board is now looking to create long-term plans for the three park properties. The idea is to create a flexible landscape and recreation plan for all three parks including figuring out costs and needs over time. The issues involved vary from ways to enhance the Pavilion to future recreational equipment needs (replacements, additions, removals) and landscaping options. The goal is to enhance the properties for all residents of Pine Brook both in appearance and usability. But, we can use considerable more expertise to process everything that is involved.

So, to that end, we are creating three committees - one for each property: the Front Entrance on Lamp Post, the Pavilion Park, and the Hidden Park - to work on building these plans. We need volunteers who will work on these committees to help shape the plans. You might have skills, or knowledge, or ideas, or time, or all of the above.

If you want to share your talents with your neighbors in Pine Brook, please feel free to call me at 731-8829 or e-mail me at wayne@penncen.com and let me know which park's future you'd like to help plan.

I hope to hear from you. Thanks again for your time.

Warm Regards,
Wayne Kessler
President, PBCA
731-8829

Neighborhood Directory

It's time once again to start gathering and confirming data needed for the Pine Brook Neighborhood Directory. As

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 Past President Fred Briggs 737-0782

Board Members

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 Stephanie Lepley 975-0542
 Rich Muza 761-6669
 Dick Ulp 737-6511
 Jacquie Kirby 737-2425

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PBCA Dues Paid

There are 415 homes in Pine Brook. So far in 2005, we have 268 homes (or 64%) paying their annual dues which is down slightly from the 67% response we had last year. The \$50 yearly fee represents your fair share of the expenses of the Civic Association. If you have not paid your calendar year dues yet, please do so or you will not be noted as a dues paying member in the 2006/2007 neighborhood directory.

Here is a look at each street and the number of fully paid dues members.

<u>Street</u>	<u>Number of houses</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Bellows Dr.	5 out of 11 paid	45%
Bridle Ln.	1 of 4	25%
Candlelight Dr.	16 of 28	57%
Carriage House Dr.	25 of 28	89%
Conestoga Rd.	17 of 24	71%

you may know, the directory is distributed free every other year to all Pine Brook residents. It is just for our use only and is only given out in our neighborhood.




Starting in November, the Block Captains will distribute forms to each house showing the information we have which will be included in the directory. If the information is correct, you don't have to do anything. However, if you'd like to make changes, please do so and return the information either to your Block Captain or to David Fish, PBCA Secretary. More details will be on the form.

The PBCA will be noting which residents are fully paid members of the association as of 2005. If you have not yet paid your calendar year dues of \$50, please send a check (payable to PBCA) to Ken Ulrich, Treasurer, 322 Lamp Post Ln., Camp Hill, PA 17011.

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Garden Club Revival?

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Copper Kettle Rd.	8 of 13	62%
Fireside Dr.	7 of 9	78%
Harness Ln.	5 of 7	71%
Hearthstone Rd.	11 of 15	73%
Lamp Post (3800-3817)	11 of 17	64%
Lamp Post (200 - 220)	14 of 16	87%
Lamp Post (301 - 332)	24 of 31	77%
Lamp Post (400 - 440)	28 of 40	70%
Lamp Post (500 - 545)	25 of 35	71%
Orrs Bridge (302 - 440)	10 of 22	45%
Orrs Bridge (500 - 540)	9 of 20	45%
Oxbow Dr.	9 of 10	90%
Springhouse (400 - 419)	10 of 20	50%
Springhouse (420 - 440)	8 of 20	40%
Springhouse (500 - 519)	13 of 20	65%
Springhouse (520 - 543)	12 of 22	54%

BITS AND PIECES

Need help with yard work?

Contact Mike & Chris Seaman. Their phone number is 761-2682. They can provide lawn mowing and light yard work in the summer and snow removal during the winter.

(Which may be coming sooner than we'd like)

Snow Removal

I am Christian John, I'm fourteen years old and I am in the eighth grade. I would gladly shovel your sidewalks and driveways whenever it snows. Contact

One look at the three PBCA properties will show how much we need to bring this club back. If you have any interest – at any level of participation – please help. The PBCA Board will provide funding for this project, but the neighborhood needs a person to start and head this committee/club. We need volunteers to fill out the ranks. If you love to garden or do yard work and you have driven passed our parks muttering, “Why don't they do something about that?” – then you are the person we're looking for. Please contact Wayne Kessler at 731-8829.

Random Thoughts

Many of our neighbors have e-mailed the PBCA board with suggestions or items to be included in the newsletter. Here are some of them:

1. Please remind everyone that Township laws require all trees to be trimmed so there is at least 12 feet clearance for all limbs hanging over the street and 8 feet of clearance above sidewalks. Remember that bushes also must be trimmed so they do not block the sidewalk for people walking.

2. Unfortunately, the sidewalk in front of your house is your responsibility. This means you have to fix or replace sections that have been cracked or pushed up by tree roots. Someone, anyone (a child on a bicycle) could trip, fall, etc. and seriously injure themselves. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of lawsuit.

3. Please remember to pick up after your pets. For those of you that do this ...thanks very much. For those who do not, people are watching and they are more than happy to call the

me at 761-5329, or send an email at Beachdogs4@verizon.net.

Want your services listed?

Are you a baby-sitter looking for some free advertising? Do you shovel snow or mow lawns? Do you have some other service that might be of interest for your fellow residents of Pine Brook? The PBCA will provide free listing for services provided by teens or children of Pine Brook families. (Adults can advertise their business here also, but they will be charged for their ads.)

If you would like to submit your ad for placement in the newsletter, please contact Dave Fish at pbcamail@yahoo.com

Ads must be approved by the PBCA Board and are limited to space available.

Ideas For Events

If you have an idea for an existing PBCA event, such as a new game for the Summer Picnic, please feel free to let us know. If you'd like to start a new event (Easter Egg Hunt?) – speak up. If you would like to help with any of the PBCA events, please give a call as well. Contact Dave Fish at 737-6635 or e-mail: pbcamail@yahoo.com



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Perfect Summer Picnic

The Pine Brook Civic Association Picnic on Satur-day, July 23rd was a great success with 122 people attending. The Moonwalk was again the kid's fa-vorite as were the wonderful games organized by Betty Fish. A big thank you goes to Ann Ulp – the winner of the 50/50 raffle. Ann donated the money she won back to the PBCA.

The Pine Brook Civic Association also greatly ap-preciates all the businesses and individuals who donated prizes! Special thanks go to Pine Brook residents Nick Nichols of Nick's 114 Café in New Cumberland for donating the hot dogs and Fred Baskin of The Italian Oven in Mechanicsburg for donating the hamburgers. Also, thanks to Members 1st for providing the popcorn machine and the football game.

President's Corner:

As we head into the fall, we also begin the PBCA's planning for 2006. This includes the election of a Secretary & Treasurer for the next two years and Board Members for the upcoming year. You'll find information about the Annual Meeting and the election in this newsletter.

One of the projects for 2006 is the creation and printing of the next Pine Brook Directory. As usual, the Directory will be distributed to all Pine Brook residents for their use only. No private or personal information will be given out by the PBCA for commercial purposes. The Directory will also include map of the neighborhood as well as useful Hampden Township and Cumberland County contact

A big Thank You goes out to David Fish, Fred & Peggy Briggs, Dick Ulp, Wayne Kessler, Chaz & Stephanie Lepley, Andy & Geor-gia Simpson, Denton Stoner, Jacquie Kirby, Josette Plank, Helene Briggs, Cindy Heidelbaugh, and all the other folks who donated items or volunteered to help during the picnic. And let's not forget the Hampden Fire Department for bringing the fire en-gine that was a huge hit with the kids.



October PBCA Annual Meeting

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Calendar

September 19th, Monday, 7:00 pm
PBCA Board meeting @ 420 Lamp Post Ln.

October 23rd, Sunday, 3:30 – 6:30 pm
PBCA Pumpkin Patch Party @ Pavilion Park.

October 24th, Monday, 7:00 pm PBCA Annual Meeting @ Pavilion Park.

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information.

The PBCA will be accepting advertising to pay for the costs of printing, but that space is limited. If you know of a business or person who wants to advertise, please have them contact me.

We realize some residents may not wish to have some of their information printed in the Direc-tory. Please let us know if that is the case.

It has been a great summer for Pine Brook. The Summer Picnic was a success and the new lamps are now on display at the Pine Brook pillars at the front entrance. The PBCA is meeting budget pro-jections, both on dues and expenses, and we feel we're in good shape going into the planning for 2006.

If you have ideas for activities or projects for the Pine Brook Civic Association to consider in 2006, please have your voice heard. Call any Officer or member of the Board with your ideas, or come to one of our monthly meetings and we'll be happy to discuss it.

We really do appreciate input from the resi-dents. And we appreciate the volunteers that help us with these projects and events. The PBCA works because of the efforts of our neighbors. Thanks for what you have done, and we look forward to working together in the future.

Hope you all have had a fun summer and are looking forward to a "wonder-fall" autumn.

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Past President	Fred Briggs	737-0782

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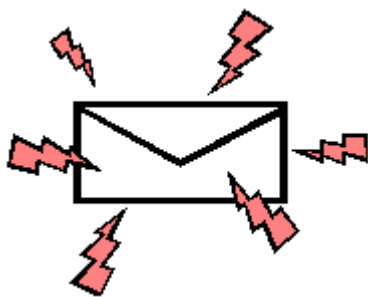
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Election Committee

The bylaws call for the creation of an Election Committee to nominate residents for election as PBCA Officers. This year we will be electing a secretary, treasurer and board members. To have your name placed on the ballot, please contact any of the following people:
 Dick Ulp, 737-6511,
 Betty Fish, 737-6635
 Wayne Kessler, 731-8829
 Denton Stoner, 975-9050



SUBMIT YOUR NEWS-BITS

Do you have news or birth announcements to make in the neighborhood? Or do you have a unique

Warm Regards,
 Wayne Kessler
 President, PBCA
 731-8829

New Neighbors

Stephanie Lepley, the head of the Welcoming Committee, has dropped off baskets to these new neighbors.
 326 Lamp Post: Nicholson
 412 Lamp Post
 432 Lamp Post: Hoffman
 513 Lamp Post: Talalai
 300 Candlelight: Harmon/ Kahley
 3811 Bellows: Graham
 3815 Copper Kettle: Eubanks/ Trapuzzano
 3818 Copper Kettle
 Please stop by sometime and say hello.

Pumpkin Patch Party

Halloween is just around the corner and that means it's time for the annual Pine Brook Pump-kin Patch Party which takes place Sunday, October 23rd from 3:30 to 6:30 pm at Pavilion Park.

It's free and open to all Pine Brook residents, family and friends. Bring the kids for a devilishly good time of fun, games, scarecrow stuffing, pumpkin carving/painting and marshmallow roasting. All you have to do is bring your own pumpkin and clothes for making a scarecrow and the PBCA will provide the rest.

The PBCA will provide refreshments, but for those amateur pastry chefs out there, please bring a desert of your own to share with your neighbors. If you would like to help with the

service you would like other neighbors to know about? To be included in the Pine Brook News, submit to:

Dave Fish, 405 Lamp Post Lane, Camp Hill, PA 17011

E-mail: PBCAmail@yahoo.com

Or join the Pine Brook discussion group on the web site:

<http://www.pinebrookcivicassociation.org>

planning, call Betty Fish at 737-6635.

Pine Brook Civic Association Resident Proxy Form

The bylaws of the PBCA allow for the assignment of your vote by proxy. Please fill out this form if you will not be able to attend the October 24, 2005 Annual Meeting but still would like your vote to count.

Access the Form: [HTML](#) | [Microsoft Word](#)

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Hidden Park Tanbark Day

It was raining, but that didn't stop six very dedicated Pine Brook residents from spreading 15 cubic yards of tanbark in Hidden Park. A very special thank you goes out to David Fish, Karl Smith, Gary Marr, Terry Wright, Denton Stoner, and Wayne Kessler for bringing their gloves, shovels, wheel-barrows and muscle power to the task. It only took two hours and the park looks wonderful. But, this is only the first step. Once the current tanbark settles, we'll figure out where the next load will go. We will need volunteers for that. Stay tuned for details.

President's Corner:

Here's an update as to what your Pine Brook Civic Association has been doing for you.

In the past few months, we've completed tunneling for tubes to be placed under the road at the Front Park entrance on Lamp Post Lane. The tubes will carry a water hose from the pump to the other side for gardening work and electrical lines for the new electric lamps. And the new plantings this year on both sides of the street are looking very nice.

The Summer Picnic is fast approaching (July 23) and each year one part of the planning for the picnic involves the renting of a portable restroom for use during the event. However, the board is investigating



Summer Picnic

The PBCA summer picnic is set for Saturday, July 23rd from 3-10 pm. In addition to food, fun, music, games and meeting your neighbors, the PBCA has rented a Moonwalk to keep the kids busy while the parents get to socialize. Win prizes in raffles and a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Each family needs to bring a potluck dish, so start planning now for that special recipe to wow your neighbors. See the attached flyer on the back of this newsletter for full details. Volunteers are requested for the picnic, so please contact Dave Fish at 737-6635. We really need some new volunteers to help this year because while it's great that the same people help year after year, they are starting to get burned out. Please call to help.....even if only for part of the time.

Calendar

June 27th Monday, 7:00 pm PBCA Board meeting @ 211 Lamp Post Ln.

July 23rd Saturday, 3 - 10 pm PBCA Summer Picnic. Food served at 5 pm. Rain date Sunday, July 24th.

July 25th Monday, 7:00 pm PBCA Board meeting @ 211 Lamp Post Ln.

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whether this portable restroom, along with weekly cleaning service, could be discretely placed at the Pavilion Park for the last two months of summer. We're interested in seeing if the Pavilion Park will be used more for picnics and parties if there are restroom facilities there.

We'll also have some Pine Brook magnetic and stick bumper stickers available for sale at the picnic. The goal is to promote the neighborhood's enjoyability in a complimentary fashion.

All three neighborhood parks are going to get some professional help this year on the lawn care. Last year grubs did quite a bit of damage to the Pavilion Park and a lesser amount to the Hidden Park so we'll be having a grub application put on those properties this summer to avoid a repeat. There will be signage and a notice through the email list after application so that residents and visitors to the park will know that a treatment has been placed. We will also be doing a weed and feed to all three properties later in the year, as well as some reseeding in the fall to the Pavilion Park areas where grub damage was heaviest.

HMMS Soccer will not be practicing or playing at Pavilion Park for the fall or spring seasons to let new growth grass get a good beginning.

We're about even with dues collection compared to last year at this time and budgeted spending is right on target. But we're still behind last year's total membership numbers, so if you haven't paid for 2005, we're missing you!

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Vandalism Zero Tolerance

Summer's here and, in the past, Pine Brook has seen an increase in vandalism during the warmer months. The Pine Brook Civic Association suggests that residents call the Hampden Township Police non-emergency number at 761-2609 to report any incidents of vandalism. The police want to be notified of all incidents so they can track where problem areas are.

The PBCA is taking a zero tolerance approach to vandalism involving the neighborhood properties. Over the past few years we've had a door broken at the Pavilion, a picnic table broken at the Hidden Park as well as other incidents. Accidents do happen, but unless we hear directly from the parties involved first, we will be calling the police to report acts of vandalism.

I hope we see even more neighbors at our summer picnic than we have the last two years, which have been quite successful and a lot of fun. If you have suggestions or ideas for the Pine Brook Civic Association Board, please attend one of our monthly board meetings, call me at home or e-mail at wayne@penncen.com.

Thanks, and here's to hoping all have a very enjoyable summer.

Warm Regards,
Wayne Kessler
President, PBCA
731-8829

PBCA Dues Drive Continues

By now every resident has gotten their \$50 annual dues notice and many have responded. So far this year, 256 homes have sent in their checks bringing the current dues paying membership to 61% of the 415 homes that make up Pine Brook.

Last year, we had 279 homes paying (67%), so we still have a ways to go. The good news is that as of June 1, we have 27 homes paying this year that did not pay in 2004. (6.5% increase!!) However, we still have 159 homes with no payment.

If you still have not paid your dues, please send your \$50 check to Ken Ulrich, 211 Lamp Post Ln.

Garden Volunteers Needed

Now that spring is springing, it's time to take a look at the state of the common grounds and see what can be done to spruce things up. Pine Brook resident Donna Ulrich has done a great job planting some colorful plants

BITS AND PIECES

Need help with yard work?

Contact Mike & Chris Seaman. Their phone number is 761-2682. They can provide lawn mowing and light yard work this summer.

Trees and Lawns

Here are the regulations regarding tree and lawn maintenance as found in Chapter 10, Section 102 of the Hampden Township Code of Ordinances.

All people owning or occupying any property within the Township must keep limbs, branches or growth of trees, shrubbery, bushes or other plant growth trimmed at least 12 1/2 feet in height or clearance above any highway, road, street or alley; and at least 8 feet in height or clearance over any sidewalk or footway. No tree or shrub growing next to a sidewalk may grow in such a manner as to obstruct, impede or interfere with people walking.

It is unlawful to permit grass, weeds or similar vegetation to grow more than 6 inches high or to remain standing in any yard, vacant lot or other place except as may be approved by this Township.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part can be convicted to pay a fine of not more than \$600 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, may be imprisoned to a term not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

If you see a home that is in violation, try talking to the owner first. Maybe they are on vacation. Maybe they have

at the Front Entrance in her spare time. However, because of demands on her time, she is only able to do so much work.

Which leads us to....

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Other Thoughts and Stuff

A great big thank you goes out to the folks that showed up in early April to help spruce up the Front Park. They cut, chopped, yanked, moved and tossed out lots of debris and weeds to make the park that much nicer and enjoyable.

PBCA webmaster Wayne Kessler has changed the server for the Pine Brook listserv. For current members of the e-mail list, nothing should have changed. But if you have stopped getting the PBCA e-mails, please contact Wayne.

health problems and could use a helping hand. If, however, you need to go to the next step, then contact Jon Powers, Hampden Township Codes Compliance Officer, at 761-0119.



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Pine Brook Picnic

Saturday, July 23rd

3pm - 10pm

(Dinner 5pm)

Pavilion Park

Burgers, Hot Dogs, and Drinks provided by PBCA



Cost is \$3.50 per person or \$10 per family

This picnic is open to everyone. You don't have to live here to attend.
So, please bring the grandparents and/or your friends.



Other food is pot luck. If your last name ends in:

A - H Bring Salad

I - Q Bring Dessert

R - Z Bring Side Dish

Volunteers are needed to help with the picnic. Please call David at 737-6635
(A "family" is defined as those folks living in the same house. Other guests have to pay for themselves.)

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Annual Dues Drive

By now, all residents should have received their Pine Brook dues letter. If you have not sent in your \$50 calendar year payment, please do so now. Your money is needed to maintain the three PBCA owned parks and to preserve Pine Brook's

President's Corner:

I want to thank all of you for your 2004 support of the Pine Brook Civic Association, your elected Officers and the Board Members, in their efforts to make our neighborhood better. Many of you have already paid 2005 dues, and we're quite happy that the dues collection process now goes so smoothly. If you haven't sent in your 2005 dues yet, we look forward to your contribution as we work to maintain and improve the PBCA's properties and keep the PBCA forward-looking in preparations.

We have a lot of work planned this year for the parks. Weather permitting, we're planning to lay mulch down at the Hidden Park on Saturday, April 30th, and we can use assistance from those who want to help (and particularly help with a wheelbarrow). Clean the Front Park Day is Saturday, April 16th. We're also making

status as a premiere neighborhood where people desire to live.

Even if you do not use the common areas, as a Pine Brook property owner you benefit from these green spaces through higher property values and enviable resale results. Your dues are not used for projects such as the Summer Picnic which is paid for by tickets purchased by the people attending the event.



Calendar

April 16th, Saturday, 9 am - ?? Help spruce up the Front Park. Everyone is invited to meet your neighbors and get your hands muddy cleaning up trees and brush.

Friday, April 22nd and Saturday, April 23rd, Pine Brook Neighborhood Yard Sale. Begin selling and stop whenever you'd like.

April 25th, Monday, 7:00 pm PBCA Board meeting @ 211 Lamp Post Ln.

April 30th, Saturday, 9 am - ?? Help spread tanbark at Hidden Park. Go to Fireside Dr. and look for the signs.

July 23rd, Saturday, Pine Brook Summer Picnic. Rain date is Sunday, July 23rd Pavilion Park 3 – 10 pm.

Board of Directors

President Wayne 731-

arrangement to get electricity to the front entrance property on the creek side, and we'll be replacing the lamps that used to be there.

The Japanese Beetle grubs did a job on the Pavilion Park property last fall (as they did in many places) and we will need to apply grub killer this year, and reseed areas. There will be signs posted when this happens. HMMS Soccer is going to use the Pavilion field this spring for games as they are already scheduled, but will not be using the Pavilion Park for a year afterwards so the grass can get a strong foothold.

A note to parents: We had some small damage done to a picnic table in the Hidden Park that appears to be the work of kids. Accidents happen, silly things happen, we've all been kids and we've all had our share of incidents. If there's been damage done to PBCA property, we think that residents ought to let the PBCA know, particularly if they did the damage. It's better to hear directly from someone involved than to hear it from others. Please let us know.

We have taken a look at the results from the Transportation Safety survey we sent out late in 2004. We received 55 responses (a little more 10% of the homes in our neighborhood) and among the respondents there's specific concern about speeding on Orrs Bridge Road, and speeding and stop sign running within the streets of our neighborhood. We've sent this information to the other Homeowners Associations on Orrs Bridge Road so they can share that information to their residents as well. This will be a continuing discussion in Board Meetings and with other groups, and we'll keep you apprised.

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Caroling At The Pavilion

The Christmas caroling at the Pavilion on December 22nd was a fun event for all. About 45 folks of all ages had fun singing holiday favorites, enjoying hot cocoa, eating tasty snacks and socializing with neighbors. Roasting the marshmallows over the open fire was a big hit with the kids.

A big thank you goes to the folks who put the event together. A special "singing" thank you goes to Barb and Jack Taylor for leading the caroling. Without their expertise, there's no telling what key the rest of would have been singing in. Let's also hope the weather will be just as

One other note of interest: We've tentatively scheduled the Summer Picnic for Saturday, July 23rd. Our picnics the last two years have been a lot of fun, so mark your calendars!

Wayne Kessler
President, PBCA
731-8829

Help Spruce Up Front Park

Stephanie and Chaz Lepley are organizing a cleanup day for the Front Park. It will be held on Saturday, April 16 starting at 9am and continuing until everyone has had enough.

If you don't mind getting your hands dirty and you'd like meet some of your neighbors, then come on out. Please bring gloves, shovels, saws or whatever else you think might be of use in clearing out that jungle down by the creek.

Last April, residents of all ages showed up to help and we hauled away 20 truckloads of debris. However, the past two years of cleaning have shown the need for more pickup trucks and/or trailers. Please volunteer your vehicle even if only for an hour or two.

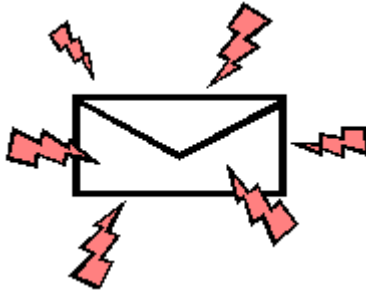
Special Thanks

The PBCA wishes to express a very special thank you to one Pine Brook family. In June 2004, they moved into the neighborhood. However, two days before closing, the husband was called up for duty in Iraq. He still has not lived in the house. In December, despite the hardship of losing a good portion of their income, they paid their dues for 2004 and 2005. This is beyond the call of duty.

Membership application for 2005

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nice for this year's event. See you in December.



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BITS AND PIECES

Pet Peeves

Some residents would like to remind everyone that the Township does have "pooper-scooper" laws and you must clean up after your pets. This includes the common areas of the neighborhood such as Hidden Park and Pavilion Park.

Not picking up after your pets is a violation of Township laws and the penalty for not picking up after your dog is a fine of no more than \$600 and/or jail time of no more than 30 days.

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Tips For A Successful Yard Sale

- Start planning NOW for what you will include in this sale. Go through your stuff....if you haven't used it in a year – get rid of it.
- Have plenty of change - both silver and paper money.
- String up a clothesline to display clothing items
- Set up card tables to display small merchandise. Be sure items are clean, usable, and priced temptingly. Every item should be priced. I know it's a lot of work, but it's worth it because you won't have people asking every two minutes, "how much do you want for this?"
- People are looking for bargains. Don't disappoint them. Remember, what you're selling is something you don't want anyway, so whatever you get is gravy. Nobody cares what you paid for it years ago. What is your goal: to get rich from selling your stuff or to get rid of it?
- Display some of your more interesting items at the end of your driveway to act as a magnet to lure people in. (Stops the "drive-by" shoppers)
- It's also smart to set up a small table with nothing but "manthings" (jars full of screws and nails, electronic parts, tools and parts of tools, etc.). This gives the men something to immerse themselves in while the women find all the real treasures.
- Have plastic grocery bags available to put sold items in. Having a calculator handy is helpful in totaling up purchases. Make it easy

Advertising in the Pine Brook News

Ads for kids offering yard work or babysitting jobs, will be listed here free of charge. The PBCA also allows interested adults or businesses to advertise in the neighborhood newsletter for a small charge. The cost is \$25 for a business card size ad. All money from these ads goes towards the cost of printing the newsletter. The board limits the number of ads and approves the content.

If you are interested, please contact Dave Fish at PBCAmail@yahoo.com or 737-6635.

Pine Brook Entertainment Committee

The Association is in desperate need of volunteers for the Entertainment Committee which is in charge of organizing and running the various events such as the Summer Picnic, Pumpkin Carving, etc. Please contact Dave Fish at 737-6635 to help - even if it is for only one event.

Neighborhood Yard Sale

(Friday, April 22 & Saturday April 23)
It's time again for the annual extravaganza that is the Pinebrook Neighborhood Yard Sale. Here is your chance to sell your 'treasures' before you donate them to charity or throw them away.

This year we have coordinated with the Ridgeland and Orrs Bridge Civic Associations. They will have their neighborhood yard sales on the same days as ours. More sellers brings more buyers.

for yourself to total items. Price things evenly, like .25, .50 and \$1 - not .40, .75, \$1.20.



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This sale always attracts hundreds of buyers....both professional dealers and the average “browsers” looking for bargains. More buyers mean more sales. More sales equals more money. Don’t you want to be involved in this? All you have to do is set up a table and SELL, SELL, SELL. The Pinebrook Civic Association will take care of the advertising. You do not need to have a permit to hold a yard sale.

Thank you to Lee Stine

The Pine Brook Civic Association would like to thank resident Lee Stine for her donation of plastic Easter eggs and various other decorations. These will be used in a future Easter Egg Hunt at Hidden Park.

The PBCA had hoped to start an annual egg hunt this year, but with Easter being so early this year and the weather being so uncertain in March, we decided to postpone the event until 2006. Although it may be too early to start thinking of next year, if you have any interest in helping put this event together, please give Dave Fish a call at 737-6635.

Personal Chef Services

Tired of take-out food? Tired of standing in front of the refrigerator scratching your head, wondering what to cook? Are you working long hours, too tired to cook when you get home? Or, are you caring for your young family with no time to prepare healthy meals?

Nutritious and delicious meals, made in our own kitchen – that’s what a personal chef can do for you. From menu planning, grocery shopping, cooking to clean-up – a personal chef does it all. (And is surprisingly affordable)

Personal chef services can also be a great gift idea for new mothers, shut-ins, or life celebrations. For a personal consultation, call Lenelle Roberts, M.Ed., at 795-

0993. I am fully insured and a member of the Personal Chef Network, and have a 20-year career as a nutritionist as well as a Master's degree in Health Education.

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PINE BROOK NEWS
THE PINE BROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
December 2004

October Annual Meeting

The Pine Brook Civic Association Annual meeting was held on October 18th and was attended by 20 residents in person and 109 residents via proxy. The first items on the agenda were the election of Wayne Kessler as President, the election of Denton Stoner as Vice-President and the election of Jacquie Kirby, Chaz Lepley, Stephanie Lepley, Lee Morrison, Rich Muza, and Dick Ulp as board members.

Treasurer Ken Ulrich reviewed last year's budget and presented the 2005 budget for discussion. Even though the association had more expenses this year due to maintenance issues, the state of the PBCA is very good. We came in on budget for 2004 and we expect to do

President's Corner:

This is my first "President's Corner" in the newsletter, and there's a lot I need to accomplish in this space. First of all, again I'd like to thank Fred Briggs, PBCA's President for the last two years, for coordinating the talents and skills of the PBCA Board, block captains and membership in a way that has left the PBCA in a strong and viable position for the future. We've had another good year, and the Civic Association is healthier than I've seen it, which in my case goes back to 1995.

For 2005, we plan to replace the old, broken gas lights at the front entrance with electric ones. In early spring we will be using the Tanbark Fund to provide cushion for the playground equipment at Hidden Park, and we will need to do de-grubbing and some reseeding of the

the same in 2005.

Due to more residents paying their fair share of the dues in 2004, we had a small surplus which has gone into the "Rainy Day" fund for the association to meet future unexpected costs of the PBCA. The board is hoping to avoid the past experience of having to go to members to request additional funds each time an emergency occurs. As a result of our current expenses, our projected expenses for 2005 and the need to fully fund the Rainy Day Fund, the board voted to keep the PBCA dues at the current \$50 per year level. This will allow the association to maintain all current properties and begin to improve those things the residents deem necessary in the future. The lessons of the past years show just how important a vital civic association is to the well-being of our neighborhood.



Calendar

December 22nd, Wednesday, 7:00 pm Christmas Caroling at the Pavilion. Open to all residents of Pine Brook. Enjoy singing songs and drinking hot cocoa. FREE!!

January 17th , Monday, 7:00 pm
PBCA Board meeting @ 213 Lamp Post Ln.

February 21st, Monday, 7:00 pm
PBCA Board meeting @ 213 Lamp

parks. (Volunteers will be needed) We are hoping to work with the Vo-Tech on developing a long-term landscaping plan for the properties. We still have a way to go to meet our goal for savings for the PBCA's Emergency Fund. We are looking at what our neighborhood can do to improve traffic safety in Pine Brook and Orr's Bridge Road in general. Your input on the survey in this newsletter will be very helpful as we consider how we might proceed.

The good news is, membership continues to grow, and we should be able to do these things within the existing dues level of \$50 per year per household.

In a season celebrated for giving, we ought to recognize those who give to the PBCA in a variety of ways:

E-Mail List Members, for discussion and ideas that have helped the neighborhood better understand issues in the last year, including the property tax reassessment, the creek bike path, and traffic safety in the neighborhood...

Members, for the funding that allows the neighborhood to maintain and improve the properties for use by any in the neighborhood...

Block Captains, for walking the neighborhood and being a big part of how PBCA delivers and receives information from neighbors...

And the Board, for giving time to guide the PBCA's direction.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated... thanks.

Post Ln. (Date may change)

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Where's my mail?

Did you ever wonder why sometimes the mail is delivered in Pine Brook early in the day and sometimes it doesn't arrive until late in the afternoon? I asked Eric, our mailman, about it and he told me why it happens. It seems that as a cost cutting measure, when a postal carrier is off, the others have to make up the extra routes. Since commercial customers get priority over residential, when Eric has to do the other routes, he has to do the

We should be very proud of the progress we've made during the past two years. The PBCA Board meets monthly (except for December) and we invite you to attend any of our meetings and contribute your thoughts and ideas. I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season and please consider joining your neighbors at the Second Singing of Holiday Carols held at the Pavilion at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, December 22nd. Hope to see you there.

Wayne Kessler
President
731-8829

Pumpkin Carving Party

Marshmallows roasting on an open fire.....no, not at Christmas - but during the Pine Brook Pumpkin Carving Party held on October 24th. The event was a great success with 40 folks of various ages attending. It was lots of fun making scarecrows, painting or carving pumpkins, playing games and eating the wonderful desserts everyone brought. Thanks goes to Betty & David Fish and Katie Gleeson for organizing the event.

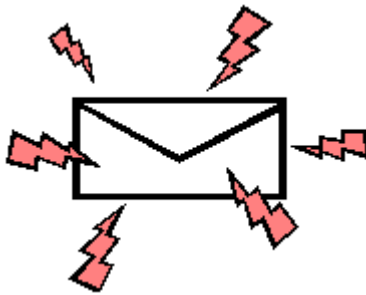
Thank You

Thanks to Darrel Seaman for helping with the transportation of a picnic table to Front Park. Please feel free to enjoy lunch while watching the water and cars go by. However, you might want to wait until it gets warmer.....

Another thank you goes out to Lee Morrison and Dick Ulp for decorating the front entrance. In addition to the wreaths on the columns, our little pine tree is still living and looking pretty festive. (How many of you noticed the newly painted sign?)

Results of bike path survey

business mail first, then he delivers our letters. The Post Office officials feel it's cheaper to pay overtime to the existing carriers rather than hiring extra workers to take over the routes of carriers who are sick or on vacation.



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Need help with snow removal?

Contact Mike & Chris Seaman. Their phone number is 761-2682. In addition to snow shoveling this winter, they can provide lawn mowing and light yard work next summer.

Baby-sitter/Dog Watching

Do you need a fun, reliable baby-sitter or dog walker/watcher? Call

In October, we sent information about Hampden Township's projected Conodoguinet bike path to residents and asked that they send their opinion about the bike path when they returned their proxy to vote for Officers and Directors at the Annual Meeting. Here are the results:

96 adult residents were against the bike path

54 adult residents were for the bike path
11 adult residents said they didn't care either way.

108 households responded with 161 total votes.

The PBCA, upon request by the Township, has sent the same information to their attention. We will continue to monitor the bike path issue and will provide updates when further information is available.

Hidden Park Tanbark Fund

There was going to be an update on the Hidden Park Tanbark Fund in the last newsletter, but it got bumped because of the bike path discussion.

The response has been fantastic. 23 families have sent in money totally \$495! A special thanks goes out to Charles & Joletta Nebel, Shirley Cree, Stephen Greenaway, Louis Boscardin, Edward & Margaret Bischof, Mary & Marc Reinhard, Peter & Susan Pennington, Joanna Shields, Charles Detweiler, Philip & Jacqueline Kirby, Dr. James & Sandra Whittaker, Michael & Kristen Carpinello, Dick & Barbara Ulp, David & Rachel Berry, Andrew & Allison Borders, Michael & Kelly Manning, Karl & Lois Smith, Robert & Barbara Lis, Michael & Josette Plank, Peter & Stefanie Miller, Renee & Wayne Kessler, Matt & Heather Miller, Janet & Dale Ault. (If your name is not

Taryn McMullen (16 y.o.). She can be reached at 737-8027.

Need a baby-sitter?

Laura Abernethy, 9th grade honor roll student, has Girl Scout babysitting accreditation and references. To reach Laura call 612-9368.

Baby-sitter

Emily Martinelli baby-sits. She has all her certifications and is a sophomore at Trinity High School. If interested call her at 730-6029.

Baby-sitter

Tanya Ferguson is a sophomore at Cumberland Valley High School and is available for baby-sitting for any time. Her number is 761-6903.

Military Phone Cards

Stephanie Lepley, 309 Lamp Post, is taking donations to buy phone cards for military personal serving overseas. This will allow them to call home and talk to loved ones. If you would like to donate, call 975-0542 . You can also contact Elizabeth Frantz, 3809 Hearthstone, at 975-2768. So far they have sent 45 cards overseas.

listed, please e-mail

PBCAmail@yahoo.com) If you would like to contribute, we can use more money. There is a lot of area to cover with tanbark.

As for why the tanbark has not been installed yet... the answer is time and volunteers. The daily routine of life has not allowed enough time for anyone to come forward and organize this project. Also, it was decided at the last board meeting to wait until spring and spare at least one winter's worth of exposure to the tanbark. We will need volunteers to help. Please contact any board member if you are interested.



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Christmas Caroling In the Park

Please join your neighbors and friends for an evening of hot cocoa, cookies, and other treats while we sing some holiday favorites.

This event is for kids of all ages.....from one to 99.

The festivities begin at 7 pm on Wednesday, December 22 at Pavilion Park.

FREE and open to all Pine Brook residents, families and friends.

The Pine Brook Civic Association will provide
songsheets, hot cocoa, and cookies.

However, if you want to bring a favorite
holiday treat of your own to share.....
it will be more than welcome.

We will start at 7pm and go as long as folks
want to celebrate.



In the event of REALLY bad weather on
Wednesday, we'll try caroling again on
Thursday, December 23 at 7pm.



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September 2004

Perfect Summer Picnic

The Pine Brook Civic Association Picnic on Saturday, July 10th was a great success with 159 people attending. The Moonwalk was the kid's favorite and will most likely become a permanent feature. The picnic was again able to turn a profit (\$75) thanks to Don McCallin – the winner of the 50/50 raffle. Don donated the \$110 he won back to the PBCA.

The Pine Brook Civic Association also greatly appreciates all the businesses and individuals who donated prizes! Special thanks go to Pine Brook resident Nick Nichols of Nick's Café in New Cumberland for donating the fantastic hotdogs and buns. Also thanks to Members 1st for providing the popcorn machine and the football game. And let's not forget the Hampden Fire Department for bringing the fire

President's Corner:

It seems that the time I've been in office has gone by quickly. On October the 18th, we'll have a new President. I'm proud to say that "WE" have accomplished a lot in the past two years in our neighborhood. We've made a tremendous dent in the backlog of maintenance. We've improved the Pavilion Park with a new roof and new picnic tables, cleaned up and painted the Hidden Park, added a play set, cleaned up the Front Park by repairing the stonework and adding flowers to the entrance. We've still got a lot to do, and the Officers and Board Members are well equipped to continue the progress as we move forward. We're financially solvent with the new dues structure, staying within our budget and we're building a "Rainy Day Fund" so that we are not forced to go back to the membership with our hands

engine that was a huge hit with the kids.



October PBCA Annual Meeting

The Pine Brook Civic Association Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 18th at 7 pm at Pavilion Park. Please plan on attending this meeting or providing your enclosed proxy for some very important neighborhood business. The main items on the agenda will be the election of the president, vice-president and one new board member. The 2005 budget will be presented by the Board to the residents. Here is your chance to have your voice heard on the future direction of the neighborhood.

Calendar

September 20th, Monday, 7:30 pm
PBCA Board meeting @ 539 Lamp Post Ln..

October 18th, Monday, 7:00 pm PBCA
Annual Meeting @ Pavilion Park.

November 22nd, Monday, 7:30 pm
PBCA Board meeting @ 211 Lamp Post Ln..

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out every time there is a new problem to fix.

When I say "WE" in my writing, I really mean it. I can never thank our Officers enough for their support: Vice President Wayne Kessler, Secretary Dave Fish, Treasurer Ken Ulrich and Past President Geoff Moomaw. Also, I need to thank the Board Members Dick Ulp, Rich Muza, Stephanie Lepley, Lee Morrison, Denton Stoner and Chaz Lepley. Their thoughtful guidance and serious input to all of our decisions has been invaluable. They were also the first to volunteer for all of the projects we have undertaken. Their labor, vehicles, and sometimes donations, have made many of our efforts come to fruition. They deserve your thanks, along with mine, for working on your behalf to make our neighborhood a better place to live. A special note of thanks goes to Dave Fish, our Secretary, he works tirelessly to get information out to all of you in preparing the Newsletter and works with the Block Captains to make sure it's distributed in a timely manner.

I am so pleased with the new attitude in our neighborhood.

People are out walking and talking to their neighbors. We've had two very successful summer picnics and each one has had a better turnout than the year before. Our plan is to improve the event each year to generate more interest. We're even working on getting the fire truck with the aerial ladder for next year.

In this issue of the Pine Brook News you will find two alternative views of the proposed "Bike Path." Please read

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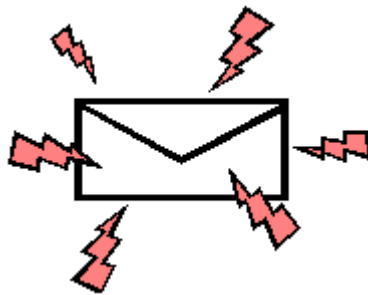
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Election Committee

The bylaws call for the creation of an Election Committee to nominate residents for election as PBCA Officers. This year we will be electing a president, vice-president and one new board member. To have your name placed on the ballot, please contact any of the following people:
 Dick Ulp, 737-6511,
 Lee Morrison, 761-9090
 Renee Kessler, 731-8829
 Denton Stoner, 975-9050



SUBMIT YOUR NEWS-BITS

Do you have news or birth

them carefully and express your views by indicating if you support its construction or do not support it. We also need you to either fill out your proxy vote and send it in, or attend our October meeting and vote your preference at the election of Officers. Please return all ballots and/or proxies to our Secretary, Dave Fish. We're looking for volunteers to fill the job of Vice President and other vacant positions. If you're interested please notify any Officer or Board Member.

Once again, thank you for your support and efforts on behalf of PBCA during my tenure and I'm looking forward to continued progress in the future.

Warm Regards,
 Fred Briggs
 President, PBCA
 737-0782

Political Flyers

Recently a flyer was distributed to many of our homes that was purported to have come from our Pine Brook neighbors regarding the previous Presidential election. It was unsigned and delivered without ringing the doorbell. The PBCA Board wishes it to be known that the Civic Association had no knowledge of, did not give any consent, nor had anything to do with this flyer. The Board, rightly so, takes no official position endorsing one candidate or the other. While the PBCA is all for free speech, open discussion and debate of all issues related to elections and candidates, we ask that any future political flyers obey the following: include the author's name, follow all federal, state and local laws & ordinances and, more importantly, be

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brief and avoid language that might alienate the very audience you wish to convince with your arguments.

Hampden Township Proposes Bike Path Along Conodoguinet

You may have heard about the 1¼ mile bike path the Township is considering building across the creek from Pine Brook connecting Orrs Bridge Road to Little Run Road in the Country Club Park neighborhood. Township Councilman Don McCallin requested the opinions of PBCA members be included in the newsletter. Here is a very brief look at what each side has to say based on comments submitted in writing or voiced at the meeting on August 30th. More details are available in the minutes of the August meeting on the Pine Brook web site: <http://pinebrookcivicassociation.org/>

AGAINST

- The proposed Bike Trail/ Road will have a direct environmental impact on the riparian vegetative zone and flood plain.
- This vegetative riparian zone serves as an interface between the Conodoguinet and the surrounding community. It serves as a buffer to pollutants entering the creek from run-off and erosion and functions to reduce non-point pollution coming off the Carlisle Pike.
- A wetland would be intruded upon and a sanctuary for wildlife disrupted. The Conodoguinet Creek in this area serves as a sanctuary for birds of all types especially the wading birds such egrets and herons, also hawks, owls, ospreys, Kingfishers, ducks and songbirds.
- The path will increase flooding in the

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- The Township has a long-standing, continuing program to build upon its bike/walking path network in the Township. The purpose of the path network is: to provide residents, especially children, an opportunity to walk and/or ride bikes in areas away from main highways, to link developments where possible, and to provide a network leading to our major parks at Creekview and Salem Church.
- The asphalt path would be the standard 8 foot wide, would follow the path currently used by the Township Sewer Authority to service its sewer line and would be maintained by the Township Recreation Department.
- Any damage that would have been done to the creek and woodlands due to the construction of this path would

creek. Water may be trapped behind providing a breeding area for mosquitoes.

- The Bike Trail/ Road will result in a negative impact on Real Estate values in Pine Brook. The residents of Pine Brook who purchased homes along the creek paid a premium price for their homes because of the view, peace, tranquility and wildlife in their backyards.
- There are safety concerns with the bike path ending at Orrs Bridge road. The main concern is that the current bridge is not wide enough to handle bikes and cars at the same time. The county owns the bridge and they have no plans to widen the bridge nor the sidewalk.
- The bike path will increase the number of kids hanging out, partying, creating noise and vandalism on the other side of the creek.
- The township will have to pay for the construction and maintenance of the path. This will include wetland boardwalk maintenance, debris removal and trash clean-up.
- This bike path could be the prelude to development on the other side of the creek. Is this path the beginning of a road? If so, then how long until houses or condos are built?

have occurred in the 70's when the sewer line was built.

- The path has been granted Federal aid, and will meet all environmental standards.
- Having a paved path will allow the police to increase patrols through the area and/or respond to resident's complaint of noise faster and easier.
- With more parents, dog walkers, joggers, etc. using this path, fewer troublemakers will use these woods to hang out because of the increased chance of getting caught.
- The same arguments were made by residents when the Conodoguinet Youth Park on Orrs Bridge Rd. and the Pine Brook bike path next to the golf course were built. The residents living nearby now are very happy with the results, have had no problems and are glad they were built.
- Building the bike path will stop development across the creek because the Township will own the Right-Of-Ways instead of the current situation where private owners do.
- * Pine Brook has its bike path at the end of Lamp Post Lane. Why are some Pine Brook residents trying to deny the people of Country Club Park their bike path?

The PBCA Board wants to hear from you. Please take the time to fill out the small survey at the bottom of the attached Pine Brook Annual Meeting Proxy form. (Even if you plan on attending the Annual Meeting on October 18th and don't need to use the Proxy Form) Return the form to your Block Captain or mail to the address indicated. The PBCA will not be taking a position on the project, but we will pass on the results of neighborhood survey to the Hampden Township manager as well as the neighborhood via the next newsletter.

Township Manager John Bradley says he has no interest in pitting neighbor against neighbor. If enough people are against the proposed bike path, he will take the budgeted money and build one somewhere else. He welcomes your input, so please write or e-mail him. Go to the Hampden Township web site for contact info: <http://www.hampdentownship.us/hampden.htm>

War Zone Support Group

Jackie Laptisky and Elizabeth Franz are starting a support group for people in Pine Brook who have sons, daughters, husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, mothers or fathers on active duty in a war zone. This group is also open to neighbors who don't have loved ones in harms way, but want to support those who do. If you're interested, please call Jackie at 732-1964 (w) 763-9722 (h) or call Elizabeth at 975-2768.

Sandbox at Hidden Park

A great big THANK YOU goes to Nick & Maryann Cimino for their donation of a sandbox (and sand) for Hidden Park. The turtle sandbox is ready for play, but you'll need to bring your own shovels and buckets. Please remember to replace the cover after use. My kids and some of their friends have tried the sandbox out and it has met with their approval. See it for yourself.

Garage Door Opene

Some recent postings on the P have pointed out problems res with their garage door openers. problem is not with dead batte turns out to be the Mechanicst their newly installed two-way new frequencies used are very in garage door openers.

Right now the FCC is telling r that can be done. The military frequency for the new radio sy them as part of a congressiona Defense Department frequenc If you have been experiencing like to file a complaint with C office, please call toll free 1-8 If you are not part of the Pine please go to <http://www.pineb> for information on joining. It's



It's Free!

Inviting all ghosts, goblins and
young and old to the

Pine Brook Pumpkin Patch

Sunday, October 24 3:30-6
Pine Brook Pavilion Park

Join your neighbors as you make scarecrows, carve
pumpkins, enjoy hot apple cider or just relax next to a
fire.

Bring along your own pumpkin, clothes for a scarecrow,
your favorite devilish dessert to share. The Pine Brook
Association will provide the cider, pumpkin carving
and straw, plus lots of games and prizes.

For more information
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Hidden Park 'Yard' Sale

The PBCA needs to buy tanbark to put around the new PlayCenter in Hidden Park. The cost will be \$14 per yard. The board is asking for interested residents to participate in a "yard" sale where you pledge to buy a yard of tanbark. We will need at least 10 cubic yards to start with the PlayCenter. The eventual goal is to get tanbark under all the equipment in Hidden Park. If enough residents respond to this pledge drive, perhaps all the needs can be fulfilled this summer! Please pledge to buy 1 or 2 yards (or more!) by sending a check, made out to the PBCA, to Ken Ulrich, PBCA Treasurer, 322 Lamp Post Ln., Camp Hill, PA 17011.

President's Corner:

Hi everyone, it's that time of the year when the planning for our annual Pine Brook Picnic is in full swing. I sure hope I'll see most of you there, and I hope you'll stop by the grill area and say hello. The PBCA works hard to make the picnic a time to gather together, meet your neighbors, and have fun. If you have any suggestions, make sure you contact our Picnic Committee Chairman and PBCA Secretary, Dave Fish. We're already planning to have Fire, Police, and EMS personnel there with their vehicles to acquaint you with their efforts to keep our community safe. There will also be games and lots of food.

I am so pleased with the efforts of many of our friends and neighbors to make our neighborhood a better and



Moonwalk at Summer Picnic

The PBCA summer picnic is set for Saturday, July 10th from 3-10 pm. In addition to food, fun, music, games and meeting your neighbors, the PBCA has rented a Moonwalk to keep the kids busy while the parents get to socialize. Win prizes in raffles and a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Each family needs to bring a pot-luck dish, so start planning now for that special recipe to wow your neighbors. See the flyer below for full details. Volunteers are requested for the picnic, so please contact Dave Fish at 737-6635. Or, show up at the picnic and help as needed.

Summer Picnic Flyer

[-GIF Image](#)

[-PDF Format](#) (requires [Free Acrobat Reader](#))

Calendar

July 10th, Saturday, 3 - 10 pm PBCA Summer Picnic. Food served at 5 pm. Rain date Sunday, July 11th.

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more attractive place to live. I must mention a few of them. We've had our most suc-cessful year ever in collecting the dues, thank you Block Captains, and for those of you who have not joined the PBCA, it's not too late. Donna Ul-rich and her family have worked hard to make the Pine Brook entrance look beautiful. The many hours of weeding and planting have really paid off. We're still working on an overall design for the entrance which we hope will eventually in-clude a lighted Flagpole, but that's for the future.

The CV VOTEC Carpenter shop finished our four (4) new picnic tables and they are at the Pavilion. After the picnic, we will move a table to the Hidden Park and one to the Front Park. Dave Fish has put in many hours with other neighbors, painting the playground equipment in the Hidden Park so it looks almost new. The new play set has been delivered and is in use by our children and grandchildren. Many of us put in a long day cleaning up the Front Park along the creek earlier in the spring; and special thanks go to Stephanie and Chaz Lepley for their efforts.

Dick Ulp lead the efforts to have a water outlet installed at the Front Park, to get the topsoil and grass seed needed to repair the area after the lines were installed, and for getting the front walls cleaned and re-pointed. He deserves special rec-ognition for his work. As you can see, neighbors helping neighbors allows us to accomplish a lot while reducing the costs. We've been able to stay within our budget while maintaining a "Rainy Day Fund" for unplanned

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More on Hidden Park

The tanbark the association is planning to buy for Hidden Park is the same type Hampden Township uses in their playgrounds. The PBCA had looked into various types of cover, including various wood products and ground-up rubber mulch, but these had issues with cost or safety. Some residents suggested using the free mulch the Township provides, but that mulch could contain anything.... including poison ivy! The tanbark the Hampden Park and Rec folks use was selected after years of research. It has no dyes or acid, has a good longevity to cost, and is affordable. No date is set for putting the tanbark in Hidden Park, but when that time comes, we will need volunteers to help.

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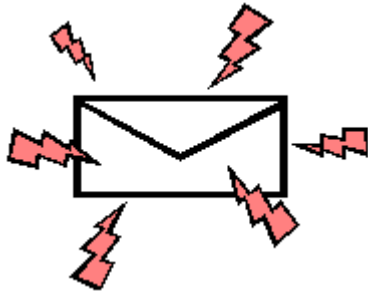
One last thing, it may sound a bit “hokey” but I feel a much, more friendly attitude these days in the neighborhood. I try to wave to and acknowledge everyone I see when driving or walking in Pine Brook. I’ve noticed that people wave back or smile more often than they used to. I think it’s wonderful. When I grew up in a small town in Potter County, everyone knew each other and everyone looked out for one another. I’d like to see us breed that kind of atmosphere in Pine Brook; it’s a warm secure feeling that’s like none other.

Warm Regards,
Fred Briggs
President, PBCA
737-0782

New Sign For Pavilion Park

By now you should have noticed the new sign on the fence facing Orrs Bridge Road by Pavilion Park. If not, it says “Pine Brook Neighborhood Park.” The PBCA Board had this sign commissioned because we wanted to remind the public that Pavilion Park is owned by the residents of Pine Brook. As such, it is private property and not a public park. We also wanted to show off a little bit because other neighborhoods don’t have as nice a park as we do. (And we own three parks!)

The sign was made by J&K Signs of New Cum-berland. Since the sign we ordered was 1 foot by 16 and the standard size of the metal sheet it was to be cut from was 2 foot by 16, the PBCA was able to have another sign made for \$20 more. This will be kept in



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the shed as a replacement in 15-20 years when the first sign wears out. (Or in case of vandalism) The cost for both signs, including installation, was \$190.

Tree Trimming In Hidden Park

A great big thank you goes out to Charles Cavrich and his son-in-law Dave Wech. On May 21st, they volunteered their time – and lots of sweat – to trim the dead limbs out of the oak and maple trees in the park. They shredded at least 3 truckloads of limbs and other debris.

Dave works a regular job during the week, but does tree trimming as a side business on the evenings and weekends. If you'd like to hire him for some work around your house, please call 921-2908.

Another thank you goes to Junior Troop #578 of the Hemlock Girl Scout Council. In appreciation for the neighborhood's support of their cookie sales in the past, they recently did some volunteer cleanup of the Hidden Park. Thanks to Troop Leader Kathleen Stimpson and the entire Troop for their thoughtfulness and work.

Your Ideas Are Welcome

The PBCA Board is pleased that we've been able to accomplish a lot, but we want to remind you that we are always looking for new ideas, and more people to participate in our efforts.

If you think you'd like to be involved, consider attending a Board Meeting and giving us your input. They're open to all Members of PBCA and are publicized in advance. If you've ever

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said, “Why don’t they do this.....” then here is your chance to have your voice heard. We can always use more Block Captains. We also need people to help out one or two weekends this summer on landscaping the Front Park. Call any board member to volunteer your time or ideas.

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Hidden Park Improvements

The Little Tykes PlayCenter 5 has finally been installed at Hidden Park. This commercial-grade playground equipment normally sells new for \$4,000, but the PBCA was able to purchase a gently used one for \$800. We had hoped to install it in November 2003, but it snowed.... and snowed.... On Sunday, April 4, Fred Briggs, Dan Keich, Dan Keich II (Fred's Son-In-Law), Dan Keich III (Grandson), and Peggy Briggs had enough nice weather to assemble all the pieces. This multi-layer playground is for ages 2-7. Please visit Hidden Park and

President's Corner:

This is one of the most exciting times of the year. Everything is renewing as we watch the flowers and trees come back to life after a particularly hard winter. It's almost like a painter as the Spring canvas comes into focus. We have a wonderful opportunity to make our neighborhood the best looking place in Hampden Township. I hope everyone will take advantage of the good weather and spruce up their property. We should also take a look at the sidewalks around the properties and make sure we don't have trip hazards that endanger our neighbors when walking on them. There may be significant liability for those who allow their sidewalks to cause an accident.

We are well on our way to making more improvements to our neighborhood parks. Thanks to Dave Fish, Katie Gleeson, and Michael Anderson, we've been able to save a lot of money by wire brushing and repainting much of

see it for yourself.



The entrance for Hidden Park is via a right-of-way owned by the PBCA located between the houses of 306 and 308 Fireside Drive. While it looks like a private yard, the association owns the land and you can walk on it. ([more pics of Hidden Park here](#))

Calendar

April 26, Monday, 7:30 pm
PBCA Board meeting @ 539
Lamp Post Ln.

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Saturday, May 1**, Pine Brook
Neighborhood Yard Sale.
Begin selling and stop
whenever you'd like.

May 24, Monday, 7:30 pm
PBCA Board meeting @ 539
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the playground equipment at the Hidden Park instead of hiring an outside contractor.

We're looking into having the CV Vo-Tech Class build some new picnic tables for us and price the cost of them building a Gazebo for the Front Entrance Park area. We've got a Landscaping Architectural Engineer volunteering his services to design improvements to the entrance area. We hope to include a flag pole in the design to display our pride in this wonderful country and those who defend it.

Remember the Pine Brook Yard Sale days of 30 April and 1 May. Be sure to give your address to Dave Fish so he can get it on the map for visitors to the neighborhood during the yard sale. Here's hoping that it's a huge success and we get to sell as much of our "stuff" to the shoppers as we want.

Lastly, I want to again remind those of you who have not yet paid your dues for 2004 to please do so. It's so important that as many of us as possible participate in the PBCA to share the financial burden most equally. We recognize that some of our neighbors are unable to pay and that is understandable. I'm perplexed by those who can afford to participate, enjoy the benefits of living in our neighborhood, but don't contribute either their time or money to its improvement.

We as Officers and Board Members of the PBCA are making every effort to be careful stewards of your dues and the money we are able to obtain from other sources. Every decision is weighed and discussed to determine if the cost can be kept down by any other means, and where possible we do so.

So far, we've had a very successful dues collection effort and we hope to beat our record participation year of 2003. Thanks in advance for your help.

Warm Regards,
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More on Hidden Park

Please note that the work on Hidden Park is not finished. Some painting still needs to be done, the kiddie seats on the swings will be replaced and tan-bark will be put around the new Play-Center. Come visit the park often to see the progress on our neighborhood jewel.

Date Set For Summer Picnic

The PBCA Summer Picnic will be held on Saturday, July, 10th (rain date Sunday, July 11th) We are hoping to make it even bigger and better than last year's event. We need volunteers to help plan and

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Neighborhood Yard Sale Map

The annual Pine Brook Neighborhood Yard Sale is set for Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1. All you need to do is set up a table and start selling. Tips for having a successful yard sale are now on the Pine Brook web site. Please visit www.pinebrookciviccassociation.org for details.

If you are interested in having your house listed on a map that will be distributed to buyers during the yard sale, please contact David Fish at PBCAmail@yahoo.com or call 737-6635. It's free to be listed but the deadline is April 26.

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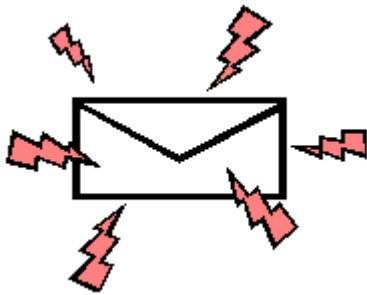
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More Vandalism

Sometime on Saturday, April 3rd, at least 20 auto-mobiles parked on Oxbow Dr. and Lamp Post Ln. were egged. While this may seem like an harmless prank, the acids in the eggs will damage the paint on the vehicles. Aside from being a nuisance, it is a crime to damage other people's property and the police are investigating. The Hampden Township police ask that if your vehicle was damaged, please give them a call on their non-emergency phone line: 761-2609. The police want you to call on any act of vandalism including damage to mailboxes. If every act is reported, then they can see where

organize the picnic. Suggestions for food, drinks, games and anything else concerning the picnic are welcome. Please contact any Board Member or e-mail pbcamail@yahoo.com



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the trends are and act accordingly. Also, if you hear or see an act of vandalism being committed – call the police right away. This will give the police the best chance of catching the vandals in the act.

Corrections to the PBCA Directory

By now, every resident should have received their copy of the 2004-2005 PBCA Neighborhood Directory. While every attempt was made to include correct information, please keep in mind that the folks who put it together are volunteers and mistakes do happen. Also, as houses in Pine Brook are sold, the information can quickly become out-of-date.

The initial information for the directory came from the Cumberland County Tax Assessment Database. This on-line document (<http://www.ccpa.net/cumberland/cwp/view.asp?A=1137&Q=479825>) lists all the properties in Pine Brook and the names of the “owners of record” - but, there is no way of know-ing if those people actually live there or not. The Block Captains attempted to confirm the data over the past year and the directory represents our best effort. The phone numbers listed in the directory ei-ther came from previous directories, resident’s input, current phone books or online phone search web sites. If you would like to have some information corrected, please contact Wayne Kessler, Dave Fish or e-mail pbcamail@yahoo.com

BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

If enough people are interested, a bus trip to New York City can be organized. There is no date set yet as we are just trying to see if there is enough interest. Most likely the trip would be in June or July. The bus would leave Pavilion Park on a Saturday at 7 am, arrive in New York at 10:30 am, depart Times Square at 7 pm and arrive in Pine Brook at 10:30 pm. What you do when you arrive will be entirely up to you. Use the time to go shopping, sightseeing or take in a Broadway

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Host Families Needed

Each year we host a foreign exchange student for the entire school year (August 2004-June 2005). We are looking for host families for December - March and March - June. The host family must live in the Cumberland Valley School District.

The student, this year, is an 18 year old boy from Costa

show. The cost would be \$30-\$35 per person which will pay for the bus and some snacks & drinks for the trip. The bus will be booked only after enough money has been collected. The bus seats 45 people and it will be on a first come – first served basis. If you are inter-ested, please contact Dave Fish at 737-6635 or pbcamail@yahoo.com.



Rica. He will be attending CVHS as a senior. He is the captain of his home soccer team, editor of the school newspaper and enjoys painting and drawing and other sports.

If you are interested in obtaining more information on how to become his host family, please email me at mabr22@comcast.net.

This is a great opportunity for the entire family. We are presently host parents to a 17 year old boy from Argentina and it is a WONDERFUL experience.

Thanks for your consideration.

Mary Reinhard
3813 Carriage House Dr.

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Garden Volunteers Needed

Now that spring is springing, it's time to take a look at the state of the common grounds and see what can be done to spruce things up. One Pine Brook resident has volunteered to do some weeding and planting in her spare time. However, because of demands on her time, she is only interested in doing work on the front entrance. Which leads us to....

Garden Club Revival?

Many years ago, Pine Brook had a thriving and vibrant garden club that created and maintained the gardens and plants around the common properties. However, over the years, the club ceased to exist for a variety of reasons.

One look at the three PBCA properties will show how much we need to bring

President's Corner:

I want to thank all of you for your 2003 support of the PBCA, your elected Officers and the Board Members, in their efforts to make our neighborhood better. A positive outcome for our efforts is only possible with the support of our neighbors. We look forward to another successful year with many achievements and upgrades to our facilities. We are still in the formulation stages of many of the plans for 2004 and we welcome your input.

If you have ideas that you want to put forth, please contact any of the PBCA Officers or Board Members and your ideas will be given full consideration at a future PBCA Meeting.

It's that time of year again when we ask you as neighbors to become full

this club back. If you have any interest – at any level of participation – please help. The PBCA Board will provide funding for this project, but the neighborhood needs a person to start and head this committee/club. We need volunteers to fill out the ranks. If you love to garden or do yard work and you have driven passed our parks muttering, “Why don’t they do something about that?” – then you are the person we’re looking for. Please contact Fred Briggs at 737-0782.



Calendar

March 29, Monday, 7:30 pm PBCA Board meeting @ 539 Lamp Post Ln.

April 17, Saturday, 9 am - ?? Help spruce up the Front Park. Everyone is invited to meet your neighbors and get your hands muddy cleaning up trees and brush.

April 26, Monday, 7:30 pm PBCA Board meeting @ 539 Lamp Post Ln.

Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1, Pine Brook Neighborhood Yard Sale. Begin selling and stop whenever you’d like.

Board of Directors

President	Fred Briggs	737-0782
Vice-president	Wayne Kessler	731-8829
Secretary	David Fish	737-

participants in the PBCA by paying your dues for membership. Based on the vote taken at the October 2003 General Meeting, the dues remain at \$50 per year. With that level of funding, we have been able to finish the year having paid all of our bills, while keeping the parks maintained. We made numerous park and equipment upgrades and accomplished much of the deferred maintenance. We have also been able to establish a “Rainy Day” fund to handle future unplanned expenses, and with careful money management we will be able to remain within our projected budget this year.

I cannot stress enough, how important a vibrant and strong Civic Association is in keeping our properties in demand and appreciating in value. We are a place where people want to live. Our neighborhood is sheltered from expansion, contained by the natural boundaries and affords convenience like no other. Preserving its beauty by maintaining our homes and our parks and play areas is the key to continuing our property value increases.

Let me ask each of you to read the article on the back page about the CERT Program. This is an excellent opportunity for us to prepare in advance should a catastrophic event put us in a position of needing support from our neighbors. As you will understand, it can be used for fire, flooding, medical or even a lost child or pet. The plan is to establish a CERT in each of the seventy-five (75) neighborhoods in Hampden Township, give them training, equip them with some tools with which to react, and on a periodic basis have training

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Treasurer	Ken Ulrich	730-9929
Grounds manager	Chaz Lepley	975-0542
Past President	Geoff Moomaw	761-5054

Board Members

Lee Morrison	761-9090
Stephanie Lepley	975-0542
Rich Muza	761-6669
Dick Ulp	737-6511
Denton Stoner	975-9050

Web Site

<http://www.pinebrookcivicasassociation.org>

Caroling At The Pavilion

The Christmas caroling at the Pavilion on

December 23rd was a fun event for all. About

45 folks of all ages had fun singing holiday

favorites as well as enjoying some hot cocoa

and tasty snacks. The Patriot-News was there and our event made the front page of the paper!

A big thank you goes to the folks who put the event together. A special "singing" thank you goes to Barb and Jack Taylor for leading the car-oling. Without their expertise, there's no telling what key the rest of would have been singing in. Let's also hope the weather will be just as nice for this year's event. See you in December.

exercises. The Teams are expected to be composed of six (6) persons.

If you have any experience that might make you a team member or if you'd just like to know more about it, please call Mike Gossert, the Assistant Township Manager, at 761-0119 and be a CERT Volunteer for our neighborhood. You would be doing a great service for all of us.

In March, our meeting will be primarily to discuss how we as an organization can help improve our neighborhood even further. Consider attending our meeting, or give your input to a Board Member. Also, let me thank you in advance for being a dues paying member.

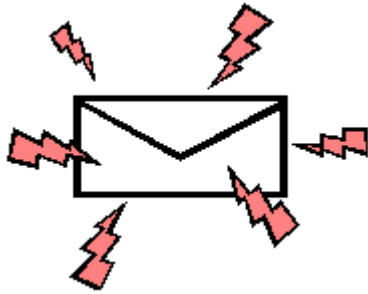
Warm Regards,
Fred Briggs
President, PBCA
737-0782

Help Spruce Up Front Park

Stephanie and Chaz Lepley are organizing a cleanup day for the Front Park. It will be held on Saturday, April 17 starting at 9am and continuing until everyone has had enough.

If you don't mind getting your hands dirty and you'd like meet some of your neighbors, then come on out. Please bring gloves, shovels, saws or whatever else you think might be of use in clearing out that jungle down by the creek.

Last April, 10 residents of all ages showed up to help and we hauled away 20 truckloads of debris. However, last year showed the need for more pickup trucks and/or trailers.



SUBMIT YOUR NEWS-BITS

Do you have news or birth announcements to make in the neighborhood? Or do you have a unique service you would like other neighbors to know about? To be included in the Pine Brook News, submit to:

Dave Fish, 405 Lamp Post Lane, Camp Hill, PA 17011

E-mail: PBCAmail@yahoo.com

Or join the Pine Brook discussion group on the web site:

<http://www.pinebrookcivicassociation.org>

BITS AND PIECES

Snow shoveling/Yard Work

Tyler Smith is available for snow shoveling and/or lawn mowing.....let's hope for the latter. Give him a call at 761-3510.

Need help with snow removal?

Contact Mike & Chris Seaman. Their phone number is 761-2682. In addition to snow shoveling this winter, they can provide lawn mowing and light yard work this summer.

Need a baby-sitter?

Laura Abernethy, 8th grade honor roll student, has Girl Scout babysitting accreditation and references. To reach Laura call 612-9368.

Baby-sitter/Dog Watching

Please volunteer your vehicle even if only for an hour or two.

Membership application for 2004

[Click here to access an application in HTML format](#)

[Click here to access an application in PDF format](#) (requires [Free Acrobat Reader](#))

Neighborhood Yard Sale Map

The annual Pine Brook Neighborhood Yard Sale is set for Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1. All you need to do is set up a table and start selling.

If you are interested in having your house listed on a map that will be distributed to buyers during the yard sale, then please contact David Fish at PBCAmail@yahoo.com or call 737-6635. It's free to be listed but the deadline is April 26.

Community Emergency Response Team volunteers needed

Only about 5% of the population is trained as a first responder. It is evident that our citizens need to transform their view from victim to survivor. We must be taught how to act during a crisis instead of standing like a deer caught in headlights.

A CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is a group that is organized and receives specialized all-risk, all-hazard training that enhances their ability to recognize, respond to and recover from a major emergency or disaster situation; is trained to take care of themselves and others in the absence of emergency responders whose arrival may be delayed due to

Do you need a fun, reliable baby-sitter or dog walker/watcher? Call Taryn McMullen (15 y.o.). She can be reached at 737-8027.

Baby-sitter

Emily Martinelli baby-sits. She has all her certifications and is a freshman at Trinity High School. If interested call her at 730-6029.

Baby-sitter

Tanya Ferguson is a freshman at Cumberland Valley High School and is available for baby-sitting for any time. Her number is 761-6903.

Baby/Pet-Sitting

If you are looking for someone to baby-sit or pet-sit, please feel free to contact Brittany Hine. (761-0447) or Kaitlyn John (761-5329)

Advertising in the Pine Brook News

Ads for kids offering yard work or babysitting jobs, such as those above, are listed here free of charge. However, the PBCA board is considering allowing interested adults or businesses to advertise in the neighborhood newsletter. The cost would be \$20 for a business card size ad. All money from these ads would go towards the cost of printing the newsletter. The board would also limit the number of ads and approve the content.

If you are interested, please contact Dave Fish at PBCAmail@yahoo.com or 737-6635.

the scope of the event; recognizes that a well-prepared community is a valuable resource to the emergency services and enhances the preparedness of their community; and become a valuable resource to the emergency services.

Following a major disaster, factors as number of victims, communication failures and road blockages will prevent people from accessing the emergency services they have come to expect at a moments notice. An example of this would be a hurricane washing out the bridge and knocking down trees along Orrs Bridge Road to such an extent that Pine Brook would be cut off from fire and rescue vehicles for 24 to 48 hours until the roads could be cleared.

The concept was based upon the community wanting to supplement its response capability after a disaster; civilians can be recruited and trained as neighborhood teams that, in essence, will be auxiliary responders. This training was made available nationally by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) in 1993. PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency) began training county officials as CERT trainers in September 2002, including Cumberland County OEP staff members.

CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens may initially be on their own and their actions can make a difference. While people will respond to others in need without the training, one goal of the CERT program is to help them do so

effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger. Volunteers will receive free training in basic first aid, basic fire fighting, search-and-rescue, and emergency management. In addition, these volunteers will be trained in dealing with dangers – such as making sure a house is safe for rescuers by turning off the electricity and gas services.

The goal of this program is to help the residents of Cumberland County be self sufficient in a major disaster situation by developing multi-functional teams and be cross-trained in basic emergency skills. Through this program, individuals will learn hands-on disaster skills that will help them as members of an emergency response team and/or as a leader directing untrained volunteers during an emergency. You would be the eyes and ears for the county and state emergency personnel until their help could arrive. Neighborhood CERT members would assist in setting priorities and letting the state officials know who needs help now and the amount of emergency help Pine Brook needs. There is no cost for the CERT training, and the classes are approximately 2 ½ to 3 hours per session.

Volunteers for CERT training can be of all ages. Certainly adults would be preferred, but teens from 14 on up – while not receiving full training – could be used as runners or helping in search & rescue assignments. Also, if you don't want to be a full CERT volunteer but you have job experience that could be helpful -such as contractors, electricians, fire fighting

	<p>training in the military, etc. - then please call and volunteer those services.</p> <p>Should you desire additional information about this training please feel free to contact me at your convenience for any additional questions and/or concerns. I look forward to working with you in the near future.</p> <p>Michael Gossert Assistant Township Manager 761-0119 Email: mgossert@twp.hampden.pa.us</p>
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