
PINE BROOK NEWS

THE PINE BROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

April 2009

Hidden Park Tanbark

Please mark your calendars for April 18th and join your neighbors for a day of Spring Cleaning at Hidden Park. We will spread another layer of tanbark around the playground equipment in addition to doing other maintenance items. The action begins at 9am. Bring some gloves, a shovel and the willingness to have fun while meeting your neighbors. The entrance to Hidden Park is off Fireside Drive. Just follow the signs. Depending on the number of folks showing up, we are usually done by 11am or Noon. If you have a wheelbarrow, please bring that also. (Rain date is Sunday 4/19)

Front Park Improvements

Long delayed work at the Front Park will begin soon. A company has submitted bids to prune back the ash tree in the center of the park in an attempt to save it. The trees along Lamp Post Lane will also be trimmed back.

Other landscaping work, including mulch around the trees, will be done as well. A raised bed will be dug out and installed in the park. The bed will be filled with tanbark, flowers and a picnic table. Imagine sitting under the shade of the big ash tree enjoying your lunch while you watch the creek and the kids play in the park.

The association still needs volunteers to help with the maintenance of the flower beds at the front entrance. Please call any board member to volunteer. All we need is one or two weekends of your time to make a big difference. Please help.

Calendar

April 20th, Monday, 7:00 pm PBCA Board meeting @ 211 Lamp Post Ln.

April 18th, Saturday, 9 am - ?? Help spread tanbark at Hidden Park. Go to Fireside Dr. and look for the signs.

Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd, Pine Brook Neighborhood Yard Sale. Begin selling and stop whenever you'd like.

President's Corner:

Hi everybody. Happy Spring. Although we really haven't had a hard winter, I for one am thrilled to see signs of Spring in the neighborhood. As we do every year, it's time to start some annual neighborhood projects. Mulch Day at Hidden Park is April 18th and volunteers are needed. Start at 9am, please bring your wheelbarrow and help out. This usually takes 2 hours to finish.

We also need volunteers to take care of the Front Entrance gardens on a continuing basis through out the Spring, Summer and Fall. Cindy Heidebaugh, Donna and Ken Ulrich and Stephanie Lepley contributed a lot of their time last year. Hopefully they will be able to continue weeding and watering, but those jobs are a lot easier if more people help out. Please call or email me if you can help out this year. Those gardens are a focal point in our development and everybody sees them as they drive down Orrs Bridge Road. These gardens were absolutely gorgeous last year – with your help, we can keep them going.

Another thing that comes to mind when I think about Spring is children playing outside now that warmer weather is coming. Please, please please slow down when you are driving through the neighborhood. Carefree children sometimes don't watch for cars. We, as responsible adults, need to slow down and watch out for them. It is a good idea to also take a moment to remind your teenagers who drive to watch out for the little ones too.

I look forward to seeing you all as we stroll about the neighborhood or as you pass by while we're working in our yard. As always, please remember to take moment to chat with your neighbors. That is what makes Pine Brook a great place to live. Enjoy the lovely Spring weather.

Jacquie Kirby Hensel
President, PBCA
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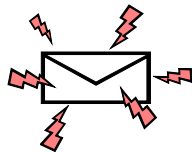
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HersheyPark Tickets

Want to save money taking the family to HersheyPark? If enough Pine Brook residents are interested (and can get their money in before April 18th) then Pine Brook will qualify for lower price 'group sales' tickets to HersheyPark. We need to buy at least 20 tickets (which are good for any day during the 2009 season) and they must be paid for in advance. You can buy as many as you like for whomever you want. Adult tickets (ages 9-54) are \$28.50 (normally \$52) and youth (3-9) & senior (55-69) are \$24 (normally \$31). Call David Fish at 737-6635 before April 18 if you are interested or need more info.



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>

Upcoming PBCA Events

Here is list of some important neighborhood dates that may be of interest to you.

April 1 – Deadline for neighborhood annual dues
April 18 – Mulch Day at Hidden Park (9am - ?)
May 1, 2 – Spring Neighborhood Yard sale
August 15 – Neighborhood Picnic
October 5 – PBCA Annual Meeting
October 16, 17 – Fall Neighborhood yard sale
October 24 – Pumpkin Patch at Pavilion Park
Dec 24 – Neighborhood luminaries (5 – 9pm)

Starting in May, every Tuesday night at Pavilion Park is going to be "Dinner at the Park" again this Spring and Summer. Show up with your family, food and favorite beverages starting at 6 pm. The kids will run and play together while the adults get to relax and socialize. Very informal and lots of fun.

Spiral Path Farms

Once again, our family will be a Spiral Path Farm Organic Produce volunteer host.

Spiral Path Farm is an organic farm in Perry County. Through Spiral Path, you can take part in their Community Supported Agriculture program whereby, for a membership fee, you will receive a box of fresh, locally grown organic produce once a week from mid May through mid November.

There are two different membership programs. Boxes of produce can be picked up every Wednesday at our house at 3807 Candlelight Drive.

We receive no money from Spiral Path Farm; we are simply a volunteer drop-off/pick-up site for the produce.

If you'd like to learn more, you can visit Spiral Path Farm at <http://www.spiralpathfarm.com/>

Member hip fees are here

<http://www.spiralpathfarm.com/share.html>

If you have any questions about the produce or pick-up procedures, I'd be glad to answer them. jo-zet@earthlink.net

ALSO: I have limited the number of participants picking up at our house to 50. We had about 45 people picking-up produce at our house last year and I do expect to reach our limit this year.

Josette Plank
3807 Candlelight Drive

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.

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.



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Ads in the newsletter cost \$25 per business card size. This money is used to cover the costs of printing the newsletter.

Membership application for 2009

(Due by April 1, 2009)

Name as you'd like it to appear in the PBCA directory

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

(Just for PBCA use....no spam and we would never give your address out)

Check if can volunteer to help with:

_____ Block Captain

_____ Summer picnic

_____ The Newsletter

_____ Maintaining the Common areas

Are you interested in advertising in the Pine Brook News?

Business _____

Baby-sitting services _____

Lawn care services _____

Submit this form and \$50 membership fee to:

Pine Brook Civic Association

C/O: Ken Ulrich

322 Lamp Post Lane, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Make checks payable to: **Pine Brook Civic Association**

Neighborhood Welcome Baskets

Stephanie Lepley is in charge of the “Welcoming Committee” and she needs your help. Stephanie needs to know when new residents move into the neighborhood so she can drop off a welcome basket full of goodies, a neighborhood directory and other information about Pine Brook & the township to make the new folks feel at home.

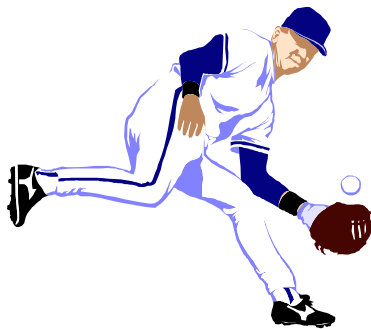
When you sell your house, or the house next to you is sold, please give Stephanie a call at 975-0542. She will say ‘hello’ to the new owners and drop off a basket. Volunteers to help Stephanie with the Welcoming Committee are needed as well.

Neighborhood Yard Sale

(Friday, May 1 & Saturday May 2)

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.

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.



PBCA Baseball Night Out

Pine Brook resident Jim Baker is looking into putting together a Pine Brook night at a Harrisburg Senators baseball game. The idea is to pick a night and get enough folks together to qualify for a group sale. We'd get discounts on the tickets and food. Jim is looking at Friday, July 24th – which happens to be fireworks and commemorative cup night. Each resident would pay their own way – Jim would only organize the group sale.

Another option would be to rent the picnic area at the stadium. This would cost a little more per person, but you get better seats and a full dinner is included.

Give Jim a call at 731-3476 if you are interested. More details will come out in later newsletters or via the Pine Brook Listserv.

New Pine Brook Web Site

We're planning to release shortly the new version of our PBCA web site.

The web site will have two basic sections. One for public information as we have now for Pine Brook Civic Association bylaws, minutes of meetings, past newsletters, etc. The other section will be for residents of Pine Brook only and will be password protected. This is where the good stuff is going to happen!

The new site will allow for members to update their information, allow members to search an online resident directory and have a bulletin board section so that members can post information and inquiries.

As the site grows, we will begin to have various 'group' sections. For example, someone could start a babysitting group where parents can look for babysitters or sitters can post when they are available. Another group could be for people interested in gardening or lawn care tips. Another group could be for Pine Brook residents with small businesses, plumbers, handymen, etc. to post their services. (Residents could write reviews or recommends.) If you have an interest, perhaps we can start a group. (Within certain limits, of course) Members of any group can post messages or start a discussion board. The goal of the new website is to make it more user friendly and to be a site Pine Brook residents want to use. These sections will be password protected.

We will send out notices to members on upcoming events, such as the neighborhood garage sale and the summer picnic.

The Pine Brook web site will be free to residents. Members **MUST** have an email address in order to access the members only section of the site. Your email address will be your logon and will never be sold or used by the PBCA for anything else. If you don't wish to sign up for the members only section, there's still plenty of public information about PBCA activities available without the membership access.

The new site does NOT replace the current email discussion list, which will continue to exist at pbca@pinebrookcivicassociation.org.

We'll send out a notice via email when the site is up and running. We think you're going to find it much more useable than the current site.