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# PINE BROOK NEWS

THE PINE BROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

March 2013

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## Not 1, but 2 Tanbark Parties

Please mark your calendars for April 12<sup>th</sup> and join your neighbors for an evening of Spring Cleaning and partying 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 5 pm. 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.

This year we are holding this event on Friday evening and making it part party. Adults and kids are welcome!! The PBCA will provide some snacks and you can BYOB. Come out for the work – stay for the party. (Rain date is Saturday 4/16 at 9 am)

**The next week**, please join us again on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Pavilion Park where we will spread some mulch around the Pavilion and gardens. Again, bring your favorite refreshments, some snacks and let the kids play in the park while working to make your neighborhood more beautiful.

## Pine Brook Improvements

The PBCA Board is seeking suggestions for projects or improvements needed in our neighborhood or to our parks. Please contact any board member with your suggestions.

### Calendar

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**, Friday, 5 – 8 pm. Part work – part PARTY! Bring your shovel and BYOB!!! Help spread tanbark at Hidden Park. Go to Fireside Dr. and look for the signs.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>**, Monday, 7:00 pm PBCA Board meeting @ 211 Lamp Post Ln.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**, Friday, 5 – 8 pm. Part work – part PARTY! Bring your shovel and BYOB!!! Help spread tanbark at Hidden Park. Go to Fireside Dr. and look for the signs.

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**, Pine Brook Neighborhood Yard Sale. Begin selling and stop whenever you'd like.

## President's Corner:

Hi, Neighbors!

Even though we've had a rather mild winter, I am ready for spring – which is just around the corner. With spring comes the need for sprucing up the three parks owned by the neighborhood. This is where you can help. How about we join together and bring back the Pine Brook Garden Club? Not only will the neighborhood keep down maintenance costs by doing the work ourselves, we will have the satisfaction of coming together as a community and creating a more beautiful neighborhood.

I envision the Garden Club not for doing the large projects such as mowing the grass in the parks – Marlin from M&H Landscaping takes care of that and the bigger jobs such as trimming trees, etc. Nor would the Garden Club have to tackle spreading the mulch in Pavilion Park and Hidden Park – those tasks are done by a wonderful team of volunteers each year.

The job of the Garden Club will be to plan, maintain and beautify the common areas of the neighborhood. This will involve volunteering your time to plant some annuals and perennials, do some light weeding and making the neighborhood a prettier place to live. I'll be sending out an e-mail in a couple of weeks. We'll have an organizational meeting. If you can volunteer a little of your time, that would be great!!

With spring coming, we'll get to see more of our neighbors as they work in their own yards, walk, etc. We've had several homes sell over the last year so please welcome our new residents when you see them outside. Make sure to tell them about our neighborhood e-mail group which they can sign up by going to our Pine Brook website. Wayne Kessler does a wonderful job maintaining the website and I personally think it's one of Pine Brook's best assets!! It's a great way to stay in touch with neighborhood news, sell unused possessions, get recommendations for reliable workers, and so on.

In closing, with the coming of warmer weather, the kids will be increasing outdoors playing. **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY ON OUR NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS!!!!**  
See you all outside!!!

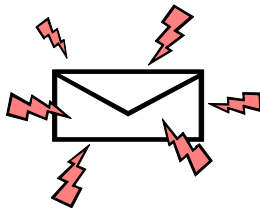
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## SUBMIT YOUR NEWS-BITS

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](mailto:PBCAmail@yahoo.com)

Or join the Pine Brook discussion group on the web site: <http://www.pinebrookcivicassociation.org>



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## Upcoming PBCA Events

Here is list of some important neighborhood dates that may be of interest to you. (subject to change)

March 24 – Easter Egg Roll at Hidden Park 2:30 pm

April 1 – Dealine for neighborhood annual dues

April 12 – Mulch Day at Hidden Park (5-8pm)

Part work – part party. BYOB

April 19 – Mulch Day at Pavilion Park (5-8pm)

Part work – part party. BYOB

May 3, 4 – Neighborhood Yard sale

May 7 – Begin *Tuesday Nights* at Pavilion Park

September 7 – Neighborhood Picnic

October 7 – PBCA Annual Meeting

October 11, 12 – Fall Neighborhood yard sale

October 27 – Pumpkin Patch at Pavilion Park

December 2 or 9 – Operation Ho-Ho-Ho & Santa at Pavilion Park

Dec 24 – Neighborhood luminaries (5 – 9pm)

## 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/>

Membership fees are here

<http://www.spiralpathfarm.com/index.php?PID=17>

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

[jcplank@gmail.com](mailto:jcplank@gmail.com)

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

### Please don't dump refuse in the creek

Some Pine Brook residents have noticed that yard waste and other refuse is being dumped in the creek. This results in an unsightly mess as well as possibly creating a habitat for pests to live in. Please deposit yard waste either through normal trash removal or taking it to the township waste facility.

Don't forget that mulch and dirt are available for free at the Township facility. All you need is your Hamden Township ID and preferably someone else to do the shoveling.

### 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.

### 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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### Membership application for 2013

(Due by April 1, 2013)

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 \$75 membership fee to:

Pine Brook Civic Association

C/O: David Fish

405 Lamp Post Lane, Camp Hill, PA 17011

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**Lawn Mowing Begins At \$25**



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

## PBCA Email Listserv

In an effort to reduce costs, The Pine Brook Civic Association sends out the annual dues statements to the residents first on the Pine Brook email listserv. Residents who were members of the Pine Brook website or had previously signed up for the neighborhood listserv, were sent an email with the dues notice included in the text of the message. Residents simply had to print the information form, attach their \$75 annual dues and return the packet to the association.

This year 153 of you took part in this process and the association was able to save money by printing and mailing fewer letters this year.

The Pine Brook email listserv remains a wonderful source of exchanging neighborhood information. You can post a message of importance to the neighborhood or ask about someone's recommendations for contractors. If you are not currently enrolled in the listserv, or your email has changed, please visit the Pine Brook website: <http://www.pinebrookcivicassociation.com>.

## Neighborhood Yard Sale (Friday, May 3 & Saturday May 4)

It will soon be time once again for the annual extravaganza that is the Pine Brook 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 Pine Brook Civic Association will take care of the advertising. You do not need to have a permit to hold a yard sale.



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## Tuesdays at the Pavilion

Starting on May 7, 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 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. The kids will run and play together while the adults get to relax and socialize. Very informal and lots of fun. Totally free and open to all! Bring your friends.

## Trash can etiquette

The following commentary was sent in by a Pine Brook resident and is reposted here in its entirety:  
*With the popularity of the home improvement shows on TV, many home owners are taking extra pride in the renovations on their homes as well as the "curb appeal" which contribute to the value of their homes. With that in mind, it would be great if Pine Brook residents would not place trash cans and recycle bins in the front of their homes. Many residents keep these bins inside their garage, some keep them around back, and some have even built small areas with fencing on the side (near the garage) that camouflages the trash containers. When someone looks out their front windows, they do not want to see their neighbor's trash containers on a daily basis. As you take a walk down your street, imagine how nice it would be if every resident contributed to the beautiful "curb appeal" that makes Pine Brook such a great place to live.*

## AT&T Cell phone users

Users of AT&T cell phones know that Pine Brook has never had the best phone reception. It turns out that AT&T has determined their customers living in Pine Brook qualify for free micro-cell tower that plugs into your cable modem at no charge. Visit the AT&T store in Camp Hill for full details. Mention "known dead zone."



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