PINE BROOK NEWS

THE PINE BROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

December 2010

Pine Brook Luminaries

Four years ago, some residents started what is becoming a neighborhood wide event in Pine Brook: luminaries on December 24th. This is a voluntary event that all residents may participate in to celebrate the holidays.

Starting at 5pm on December 24th, please put luminaries on the curb in front of your house. One every five feet seems to work pretty well. You can use white paper bags, brown paper bags, glass jars....whatever you like. You may use candles, flashlights or electric lights. Use sand or small stones to weigh the bags down. (If you use candles, please make sure you keep an eye on them. A fire could ruin the event for your household.)

If you need some help in organizing you luminaries, the association will provide bags and sand for free on December 18th at the Pavilion from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

As this event grows, imagine how pretty the neighborhood will look with each street lined with lights.

No mater what your faith is, please consider joining in this neighborhood light show.



Calendar

No December Pine Brook Board Meeting. Hope you and yours have a happy and safe holiday season this year.

December 24th, Wednesday, 5pm - ?? Pine Brook Neighborhood Luminaries. Start and stop when you decide. Completely voluntary, but it sure would look great with all the homes participating. <u>Free bags and sand</u> at the Pavilion on **December 18** from 1 PM to 3 PM.

January 17th, Monday, 7:00 pm PBCA Board meeting @ 214 Lamp Post Ln.

Babysitters Wanted

One of the biggest needs that the parents of young children in Pine Brook have all year is for qualified babysitters. With all the holiday parties coming up this month, the need is even greater.

The Pine Brook News has offered FREE advertising for all youngsters living in our neighborhood who are babysitters. (Pet sitters are needed too.) The eventual goal is to have a list of neighborhood sitters posted on the Pine Brook website which will only be available to Pine Brook residents.

The parents of Pine Brook are begging for a list of sitters to call. If you or someone you know is interested in being a babysitter or pet sitter, please email pbcamail@yahoo.com or call 737-6635 to have your name included.

Front Entrance Decorations

A great big THANK YOU goes out to the Pine Brook residents who decorated the Front Entrance to our neighborhood with the wonderful holiday decorations. Jacquie Kirby- Hensel, Lee Morrison, Ann Ulp, Gary Marr and Yvonne & Chuck Abela took time from their Thanksgiving festivities to spruce up the wall and pine tree. It looks great!

The Pine Brook Civic Association board is planning some changes to the Front Entrance in the coming years. Planning is underway to put in some new landscaping and a flagpole. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please feel free to come to any board meeting or contact any board member. Nothing has been decided formerly yet, so get those ideas in – here is your chance to make a difference.

Pine Brook Email List

To be kept up to date on the latest news or information concerning our neighborhood, please join the Pine Brook Email List. It's free and your contact information is kept spam free and not used for anything else. Please visit the Pine Brook Web Site for full details.

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Snow Removal

Winter is fast approaching and the recent snow flurries remind us that the big snowfalls are just around the corner. Please remember to keep your driveway and sidewalks shoveled as soon as possible following a snow event. To help adults and kids walking in the neighborhood, please do what you can to keep the ice down to a minimum on the sidewalks.

As always, please lend a helping hand to a neighbor who may not be able to shovel the snow from their property. Every year the Pine Brook email listserv is full of messages from residents thanking their neighbor or the anonymous person who shoveled their sidewalk and driveway. Thanks to everyone who helps.

If you live near a fire hydrant, please try to keep the fixture as snow free as possible. Even though the snowplows make those huge snow banks, keeping the fire hydrants clear will benefit everyone.

An additional reminder that the Township has stopped sweeping up leaves from the gutters. Please do not put leaves or other garden debris in the street as all that will happen is the leaves will clog the storm drains or freeze in the coming cold weather.

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