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# PINE BROOK NEWS

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THE PINE BROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

March 2012

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## Not 1, but 2 Tanbark Parties

Please mark your calendars for April 13<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 20<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 13<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 16<sup>th</sup>**, Monday, 7:00 pm PBCA Board meeting @ 211 Lamp Post Ln.

**April 20<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 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, Pine Brook Neighborhood Yard Sale. Begin selling and stop whenever you'd like.

## President's Corner:

Hi, Neighbors!

With the coming of warmer weather I want to remind you all that you certainly may use the Pavilion for your get-togethers, parties, and play groups – free for members of the PBCA. Just e-mail Wayne Kessler at [info@pinebrookcivicassociation.org](mailto:info@pinebrookcivicassociation.org) to reserve your date and time on the Pine Brook Pavilion Calendar. Please remember that it is your responsibility to bag and remove your trash when your party is over.

Also now that Spring and Summer are on the way, be aware that break-ins and burglaries might be more likely to occur. Many of our robberies occurred at homes where grass had been left to grow while people were on vacation, so if you are planning a trip, have someone tend to your lawn while you're away.

Also, please be on the look-out for unfamiliar people in the neighborhood. If they are selling door-to-door, they are required to have a permit from the township. Hampden Twp has posted "No Solicitation" signs in our neighborhood. If you see something unusual, the police want you call them immediately. Recent night-time robberies in Lemoyne and Camp Hill should be a reminder to us to lock our doors BEFORE we go to bed. One burglar was brazen enough to enter homes when the owners were sleeping!

On another note, I'd like to put in a good word for our four-legged residents. If someone's dog or cat is driving you nuts, go and talk to the owner. Maybe there's an easy remedy. It is always better to talk things out face-to-face rather than letting things build. It is certainly better to try and talk to the pet's owner before calling the police. However, should the pet's owner continue to be in violation of the law, then please contact the Hampden Police and ask them to help.

Enjoy the arrival of Spring. I'll see you all outside walking and gardening!!!!

Jacquie Kirby Hensel  
President, PBCA  
737-2425

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## Neighborhood Yard Sale (Friday, May 4 & Saturday May 5)

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 Pinebrook Civic Association will take care of the advertising. You do not need to have a permit to hold a yard sale.



## 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>

## Upcoming PBCA Events

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

April 1 – Deadline for neighborhood annual dues

April 1? – Easter Egg Roll at Pavilion Park

April 13 – Mulch Day at Hidden Park (5-8pm)

Part work – part party. BYOB

April 20 – Mulch Day at Pavilion Park (5-8pm)

Part work – part party. BYOB

May 4, 5 – Neighborhood Yard sale

September 8 – Neighborhood Picnic

October 1 – PBCA Annual Meeting

October 12, 14 – Fall Neighborhood yard sale

October 20? – Pumpkin Patch at Pavilion Park

Early December – Operation Ho-Ho-Ho &

Caroling 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.

[jozet@earthlink.net](mailto:jozet@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

### 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 2012

(Due by April 1, 2012)

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: David Fish

405 Lamp Post Lane, Camp Hill, PA 17011

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## 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 \$50 annual dues and return the packet to the association.

This year 141 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.pinebrookcivicasociation.com>.

## Pine Brook Facebook page

Pine Brook resident Doug Wilson has set up a Facebook page for Pine Brook residents. This is a private group page available for free to Pine Brook residents only. Stay connected to neighborhood events and gossip on your computer or cell phone. During the recent car crash at Pavilion Park, members learned in real time about the suspect running through the neighborhood. To register, navigate to "Pine Brook Bulletin Board" on Facebook and ask to be added.

## Pine Brook Road Runners

A group of Pine Brook residents are organizing a causal running group in the neighborhood. This group is planning to meet each Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. at Pavilion Park. They will set a course which will change from week to week. The goal of the group is to provide a fun, supportive environment to encourage each other. Eventually, the runners would like to hold a Pine Brook 5k run!

If you are a beginner, this group will help you get started with a program to get you from the couch to 5k in a gradual, realistic training regimen. Email Katie Gleeson at [rrgleeson@comcast.net](mailto:rrgleeson@comcast.net) for info.

## Tuesdays at the Pavilion

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 6:00 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.

## Man arrested after smashing fence

On February 12, 2012, a Harrisburg man was arrested after he led state police on a chase reaching speeds of 100 mph ending only when he crashed his car into a fire hydrant and fence at Pavilion Park. Wayne Allen Piper, 36, fled when police attempted to pull him over for speeding on 581 by the Creekview underpass. After crashing his car at the corner of Harness Lane and Orrs Bridge Road, Piper ran through back yards along Spring House Road and along Lamp Post Lane attempting to break into parked cars. He eventually ended up in the Conodoguinet Creek past the cul-de-sac at the end of Lamp Post Lane where he was apprehended. He was taken in an ambulance to a hospital for treatment of hypothermia before being arraigned in night court on felony charges of fleeing or eluding police to avoid apprehension. Piper is also wanted on drug charges in another municipality.

The insurance company has estimated repairs to the fence at \$1,119.77. The insurance company is attempting to collect from the driver of the car. However, the township is also going after the driver for repairs to fire hydrant. The association may get our \$500 deductible back if the insurance company can collect from the driver.

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