



BROOKSIDE BULLETIN

A publication of Brookside Civic Association

In a year of unknowns, the Brookside Civic Association is doing their best to fulfill the vision for 2020, making modifications as necessary.

Plans for a rebooted summer event were postponed (but not forgotten) as festivities moved online for a digital Spirit Week. Residents submitted photos displaying their skills in chalk art, bike decorating, pet costumes, and patriotic home décor. Prizes were awarded based on a neighborhood vote. The BCA also welcomed two food trucks to Brookside: Phillips on Wheels and Graeter's Ice Cream. Graeter's made a return visit at the end of August for a special back-to-school treat.

Trustees have been working with Perry Township regarding speeding. Patrols have increased and the township is hoping to secure a grant in October to help fund the purchase of another speed monitoring sign. We look forward to continued initiatives to address traffic concerns.

The BCA is also in the process of securing a professional landscape design plan for entrance improvements. The plan is being provided at no cost and will facilitate a refresh befitting our beautiful, historic neighborhood. Details and community discussion will be forthcoming.

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Hello, Neighbor!



Name(s): Andrea Myers, Sven Kahns & Bell Roelle
Which street do you live on? McVey West
How long have you lived in Brookside? 2 years

Tell us about yourself: We have a very creative household- Andrea is a sculpture professor and professional artist and Sven is a freelance photographer, woodworker and multi-instrumental musician-if you listen closely when walking by our house you might at any time hear guitar, piano, lap steel, pedal steel and/or drums being played by him! Also sometimes you might see us building artworks or home projects in our garage. Bell is 10 years old entering the fifth grade and I am sure you have seen her around biking, scootering or rollerblading. This year we started a vegetable garden and also got a wood burning stove this past winter which we love and you can see a lot of firewood stacked in our yard.

What is your favorite thing about Brookside? We often describe Brookside to people as a "little pocket" of a neighborhood which is quiet and tucked away. We love being able to walk, jog, bike, scooter, rollerblade in the neighborhood and nearby Perry Park and all the great trees! It is a welcoming neighborhood with very friendly neighbors. We also love mid-century modern houses and feel very lucky to own one in Brookside!

Fall and Winter Event Updates

A lot has happened since the unveiling of the 2020 calendar in the spring newsletter. Conditions are still unfolding, but here is an update on the current status of fall and winter event plans:

It's a go!



BCA Meetings

First Tuesday of month, 7pm
Meetings via conference call

Newsletters

First Saturday quarterly

Shred-It Day

Oct. 24, 9-11am
Free document shredding at school

Poinsettia Sale

Date TBD
Sales fund Lions Club/BCA

Fall Decorating Contest

Judged Oct. 25
Signs/prizes: Spooktacular, Fall Harvest

Halloween Deliveries

Oct. 31, time TBD
Treat bag deliveries (in place of Trick-or-Treat if it is cancelled or in addition to Trick-or-Treat for a socially-distanced alternative)

Winter Decorating Contest

Judged Dec. 11
Signs/prizes: Best House, Best Porch

Santa Parade

Dec. 19, time TBD
Santa in neighborhood with treats

Uncertain.



Sleigh Ride

Dec. 12, 5-8pm
Indoor events seem unlikely, but date is still reserved in case sleigh rides are possible

It's a no.



Hog Roast

Cancelled for 2020
Fall food truck coming instead- stay tuned for more details!

Is It 2021 Yet?!

A new year (and dues drive) are just around the corner!

It may be hard to believe that 2020 will ever end, but its days are numbered and the BCA is looking ahead to 2021. Historically, dues collection for the new year begins at the hog roast. The event is one of the year's largest and collecting early allows trustees to set the budget and calendar in January.

2021 dues collection will begin on October 1st via the website or checks by mail. Not only will this keep trustees on track for January planning, but it will enable dues-paying residents to receive their 2021 Brookside Loyalty Cards before year end. The cards will be chocked full of discounts at great local businesses good for all of 2021.

New this year, when you pay your dues, you will also receive your password to access members-only content on the BCA website, including a convenient, updated digital directory.

And, your dues enable the BCA to bring you classic events, new activities, newsletters, Facebook group, contests, a senior scholarship, and entrance maintenance (including new landscaping soon).

So keep an eye out for the dues collection kick-off, support your BCA, and start saving first thing on January 1st!