



Winter 2020

BROOKSIDE BULLETIN

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Fall is always a busy season for the BCA and 2020 has been no exception.

As a substitute for the annual Hog Roast, trustees brought BBQ to Brookside with The Redwood Wagon food truck. In conjunction with the kickoff of the 2021 dues drive, the first 75 households to pay their dues were awarded a \$5 coupon for their food truck purchase. The drive is off to a great start, with more than three times the number of households paid compared to the same period of time last year.

Prizes and signage were awarded to winners of our second annual Fall Decorating Contest. Congratulations to Autumn Harvest winner 2550 Snouffer Place and the Spooktacular 2425 Merbrook!

Though the BCA typically isn't active in the Halloween holiday, they created a socially-distanced event this year. The experience included several online contests and goody bag deliveries to over 200 children.

Once again, the BCA partnered with the Worthington Noon Lions Club in their annual poinsettia sale. The fundraiser provides support for the Lions Club's charitable work while also supplementing BCA's treasury.

Hello, Neighbor!



Name(s): Martha Sanders

Which street do you live on? McVey West

How long have you lived in Brookside? 7 years

Tell us about yourself: I am Youngstown-born, an industrial/organizational psychologist, and a retired business professor. My one son, a student, gets to visit me here when he drives between his jobs in Washington, D.C. and Madison, WI. I was the Craft Fairy at Olentangy schools when my kid was young, and I still spend a lot of time - and money! - making and selling crafts and jewelry.

What is your favorite thing about Brookside? I feel so lucky to have landed in Brookside. My backyard is spacious enough for birds, squirrels, foxes, chipmunks, and the occasional LePew. I love the diversity of trees and gardens and faces and ages here, and holiday lights and community spirit make every season a joy. When I moved in, I was told that every resident gets issued a baby stroller and/or a dog leash. I am well past stroller age, but my two pups loved spending their last years monitoring canine foot traffic through our front windows. Brookside is home now, and I intend to stay.

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Winter Event Update

Given the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, BCA trustees have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Sleigh Ride and Santa Parade events. All fingers are crossed that these beloved traditions can resume in 2021. But, in the meantime, trustees are hoping to spread some holiday cheer (without any germs) in several ways. First, some savings from the cancellations have been used to purchase new entrance decorations (see right). Second, the BCA will be awarding great prizes and the coveted neighborhood yard signs in their annual winter decorating contest. So, break out your lights and inflatables and be ready for judging on December 17! And, finally, trustees will be offering special holiday deliveries to Brookside's children (visit brookside-civic.com for more information).

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like . . . Upgrades!



2020 By the Numbers

This may not have been the year that any of us expected, but the BCA is looking on the bright side and counting the year's successes. A sincere thank you to all the residents who have provided the support required to make all of this possible. Best wishes to you Brookside for a healthy and happy holiday season!

