



Winter 2021

# BROOKSIDE BULLETIN

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This quarter has been an extremely busy time in Brookside. October saw the return of the Hog Roast, modified for public safety. In lieu of a potluck, BCA trustees and volunteers served 200 individually packaged free BBQ dinners. Many thanks to Richard Elliott for smoking the pork and the residents of Lone Ct. for preparing sides and packaging meals!

The Hog Roast also marked the official kickoff of 2022 BCA dues collection. Residents who pledged their support by Nov. 14 were rewarded with a new member perk: a free holiday luminary kit. Current dues collection stands at 159 households (36% of the neighborhood), which is up 13% compared to the same time last year.

Trustees again partnered with the Worthington Noon Lions Club in their poinsettia sale, with proceeds benefitting both the Lions' charitable endeavors and the BCA.

And, we crowned winners in our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fall Decorating Contest. Congratulations to 2497 Merbrook and 2432 McVey Ct. for your awesome Autumn Harvest and Spooktacular displays!

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## Hello, Neighbor!



**Name(s):** Matt, Briana, Norah & Lucy Yauk (and dog Charlie)

**Which street do you live on?** McVey Blvd.

**How long have you lived in Brookside?** 4 years

**Tell us about yourself:** The Yauks are originally from Northern Ohio (Cleveland & Port Clinton) and decided to settle down in Columbus to raise their kids. Briana works at OSU and Matt is a lecturer at OSU and an educator at a nonprofit. Norah (6) is enjoying her time at Brookside Elementary and Lucy (2) can't wait to walk to school with the big kids. When the weather is nice, they are usually outside and love going on walks in the metroparks and spending time in their backyard looking for worms with their dog Charlie. On any given weekend at home, the girls are usually painting or drawing, dressing up, building forts, and telling dad jokes. They can't wait to get to know more of their neighbors!

**What is your favorite thing about Brookside?** Their favorite thing about Brookside is the community. They absolutely love long walks around the neighborhood, waving to neighbors they have gotten to know, and participating in the fun activities put on by the Brookside PTA and Brookside Civic Association. They look forward to the Holiday Sleigh Ride every year! The old growth trees here also make this place something special. They feel lucky to have found this hidden gem.

## The Sleigh Ride is Back . . . with Crepes!

The BCA neighborhood Sleigh Ride will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 5:30-8:30pm in front of Brookside Elementary School. While we won't be holding the traditional indoor portion of the event, residents who have pre-registered online will be embarking on scenic rides through the neighborhood in horse-drawn wagons. Santa has also arranged for his special Brookside mailbox to be stationed at the event, so bring along a letter or write one with supplies provided on site while you wait for your sleigh ride. Lobby and restroom access will be available.

Whether riding or not, all residents are welcome to stop by during the event to purchase some delicious fare from the Holy Crepes food truck. They'll be parked outside dishing up both sweet and savory delights.

### Loyalty Cards

We are excited to once again partner with area businesses to bring dues-paying members the 2022 BCA Loyalty Card! This year's card includes discounts at:

- Asia Fusion
- Borgata Pizza Café
- Curry Up
- JT's Pizza, Pub & Patio
- Linworth's Pharmacy
- Mazzola's Morsels
- Mutts & Co.
- Pies & Pints (Worthington)
- Precise Threading & Spa
- Random Precision Brewing
- Stillwater Pressure Washing & Roof Cleaning

If you have already paid your 2022 dues, your new loyalty card will be delivered along with luminary kits. If not, get those dues payments in by the end of the year to start saving January 1!

### Luminary Displays

All residents are invited to participate in community-wide luminary displays on the evenings of Dec. 11 and 24. Trustees are currently in the process of delivering the 275 BCA luminary kits ordered by residents. If you didn't order a BCA kit, you are still welcome to participate! You can craft your own luminaries out of white lunch bags or milk jugs or purchase pre-made luminaries from vendors like Amazon.

### Winter Decorating Contest

Your holiday house or door/porch decorations could win you some great prizes! Voting will be completed Dec. 7-9 so winning yard signs can be delivered in time for the Sleigh Ride.

## HELP WANTED

*Though the board has been half-vacant (or more) for years, BCA trustees have been working hard to institute improvements and cope with pandemic restrictions. Moving forward, it's going to take more hands to sustainably accomplish all that the BCA aims to achieve. For more information or to join the volunteer e-mail list, please contact us at [brooksidecivic@gmail.com](mailto:brooksidecivic@gmail.com).*

### Santa's Mailbox

Santa received such wonderful mail from the children of Brookside last year that he is bringing back his neighborhood mailbox! The box will be available to deposit letters and art at the Sleigh Ride on Dec. 11 or at 2702 McVey West from Dec. 12-23. Be sure to include your child's name and address and keep an eye on your porches for a special response!

### Entrance Update

Trustees continue to work through the slow process of securing formal proposals for entrance repairs and upgrades. While we hope to have more to share soon, we are pleased to have earmarked \$3,000 from 2021 dues for work on our entrances!



*You don't have to wait until the January Dues Drive to be eligible for our gift card giveaway. All dues payments submitted from the start of fall collection until the deadline are automatically entered for a chance to win a \$100 VISA gift card!*