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## Tons of Fun in the Run!

Thank you to all of the Brook Run neighbors who made Fun in the Run such a huge success!



Well over 100 people attended Fun in the Run activities – with many of those serving on the planning committee, volunteering and sharing their talents with Brook Run neighbors.

The day began with a 2-mile neighborhood walk. Despite the incredibly warm weather, many Brook Run neighbors participated and enjoyed refreshments at Brook Run Park following the walk. Thank you to Brook Run residents **Layne** and **Cher Brown**, of C.L. Brown & Associates, for sponsoring the walk!

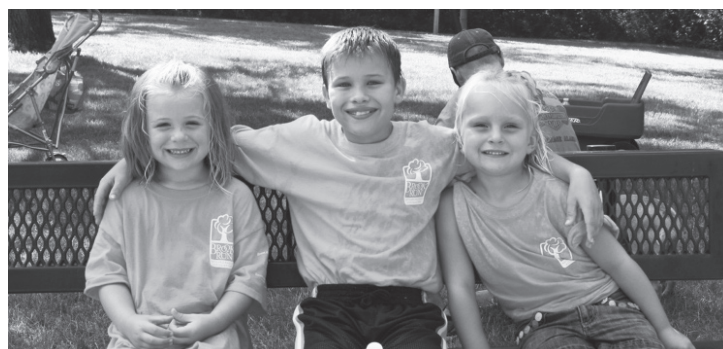
Next came the Kiddie Parade, with nearly 40 entrants. Brook Run children paraded down Brookview Drive on almost every ride-on toy imaginable. With so many creative entries, the judges had a pretty tough time selecting just two of their favorites. Congratulations to the first- and second-place winners, **Ryker Diekevers** and **Carmen Baher**, who received savings bonds for their prized entries. All of the participants enjoyed prizes and ice cream bars after the parade.

Evening activities started out with games, face painting and balloon sculptures along Village Run Drive. Businesses from Altoona, Pleasant Hill and Des Moines donated hundreds of dollars worth of prizes for us to give out. Congratulations to the 30+ lucky event attendees who took these prizes home.

A very delicious dinner was prepared by Brook Run residents, **Steve** and **Karen Steward**. (Yes, these are the people with the big smoker in their driveway!) Then the live entertainment began with well-know magician, Ben Ulin, who got the whole crowd fired up with his amazing show. The evening wrapped up with music by the local band, Glory Days.

Brook Run resident **Elizabeth Ruddy** wrote to us on the BRNA Facebook page saying, "We certainly had 'Fun in the Run' today! Thanks for organizing such a great neighborhood event."

We'd love to hear from you! To help us plan for future events, please share your feedback via our Fun in the Run online survey at <http://surveyconsole.com/t/ABeMFZC2o6>. Or, e-mail us at [BrookRunNA@gmail.com](mailto:BrookRunNA@gmail.com) with your comments.



## Mailboxes Turned Bulletin Boards

When walking up and down Brook Run streets this summer, you've likely noticed a number of flyers posted to mailboxes throughout the neighborhood. Some appear as if they've been hanging there for a number of months. The hot summer sun and stormy weather have left them faded and torn – some barely readable.

Although the mailboxes provide a way to post information for Brook Run residents to see, please keep in mind that the United States Postal Service (USPS) prohibits the use of mailboxes in this way. In addition to violating the USPS's policy, the flyers also become an eyesore if they are not removed in a timely manner. The tape used to post them often leaves residue behind on the boxes as well.

The Brook Run Neighborhood Association (BRNA) is working to provide alternative options to spread information so that the mailboxes will not be used to post flyers. The BRNA has a database of e-mail addresses for our residents and we are willing to send out messages that are relevant to this audience. In addition, we have a Facebook page where anyone can post messages for our fans to see. This newsletter also serves as a vehicle for communicating with our neighbors on a quarterly basis.



So before you post flyers on the mailboxes, please consider e-mailing the BRNA at [BrookRunNA@gmail.com](mailto:BrookRunNA@gmail.com) to see how we can help share your message. If you currently have outdated flyers posted to the mailboxes, could you please take the time to remove them?

Summer is in full swing and this is a great time for families to enjoy the nice weather outside. As you drive through the neighborhood, please be aware of children and adults at play. The speed limit in Brook Run Village is 25 mph and we ask that you help keep our neighborhood safe by taking it slow through the streets of Brook Run.

## Got E-mail?

The Brook Run Neighborhood Association does! And we're finding it to be a valuable tool for communicating with Brook Run residents. If you aren't already on our e-mail distribution list, we'd love to have your contact information. Just e-mail us with your name, e-mail address and home address at [BrookRunNA@gmail.com](mailto:BrookRunNA@gmail.com). We promise we won't share your e-mail address with any outside sources and the BRNA strives to pass along information that pertains directly to you as a Brook Run resident.

## Calling All Yard Enthusiasts



Are you the type of person who loves to spend time sprucing up your yard and flower beds? Perhaps you're the first one out on a winter morning with your snow blower, plowing every driveway and sidewalk on the block. Or, maybe you're a teen looking for a way to earn some extra spending money. If so, there are some Brook Run residents who would love to hire you to help with their lawn care and snow removal.

Much like the Brook Run Babysitter Directory that was created earlier this year, we would like to form a directory of adults and youth who are interested in helping residents with outdoor duties, including mowing, planting, trimming, raking, snow removal and more.

We hope that this list will serve as a valuable tool for Brook Run residents who are in need of help with the outdoor areas of their home, as well as for youth and adults who wish to supplement their income by performing these duties.

Please e-mail us at [BrookRunNA@gmail.com](mailto:BrookRunNA@gmail.com) by August 31, 2010 with the following information: **name, address, phone number, e-mail and a short description of outdoor duties** you're interested in performing. We will publish this information in the fall 2010 issue of *Brook Run News*.

## 2010 BRNA Special Events

- Halloween Party at the Park  
Saturday, October 23
- Santa Visit and Light the Night at Brook Run  
Saturday, December 11

There are a number of opportunities to help plan for all of our 2010 special events. To become involved, please e-mail us at [BrookRunNA@gmail.com](mailto:BrookRunNA@gmail.com) or call (515) 344-3355. ■