

# *Brook Meadows Messenger*

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## **Social Calendar and Important Events**

Book Club	Jan 26	6:00 PM	Stacey Taylor	4501 Shadycreek Lane
Last Tuesday	Jan 28	6:30 PM	Salvadoreno Latin Cuisine	660 Grapevine Hwy
Book Club	Feb 23	6:00 PM	Vangie & Brad Jensen	3004 Meadowview Ct.
Spring Party	Mar 21	6:00 PM	Berzinskask & Pinilla	4713 Shadycreek Ln

## **Brook Meadows Welcomes the New Year 2020!**



**It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood.**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*By Tony Elkins*

**News you can take to the bank!** Please read on...

Dear neighbors,

Welcome to January, where it's summer one day and winter the next! I hope you are all doing well during the post-holiday blues, and here's a little something to help you with that:

You may recall at last April's Annual Meeting that we discussed having excess cash in the bank, and ideas to bring it down to typical norms for an HOA over some period of time. To that end, we discussed both a temporary reduction in dues as well as capital spending projects. To be frank, we've had very minimal feedback on capital spending projects, though we are still investigating options to be further discussed and presented in the April 2020 meeting.

However, there did seem to be broad interest in dues reductions, and to that end, the Board is pleased to announce that the 2020 dues will be reduced to \$200 on a one-time basis. As we move through 2020 and into 2021, we will continue to monitor the cash balance closely, as well as the impact of any capital projects, and make whatever decisions are necessary for 2021. So, in the meantime, please do plan on 2021 dues being at the current rate.

For clarity, any back-dues, penalties and fees owed are unchanged. The \$200 dues apply specifically and only to the fee due in April 2020.

Also on a bitter-sweet note, please see elsewhere on this newsletter that Bridget Moore will no longer be serving as the neighborhood welcoming liaison.

Bridget has done a fantastic job, as we all know, and her presence in that regard, and on the board, will be greatly missed.

Lastly, in the past year, several of you have expressed an interest in being on the board or a committee. As such, we are beginning now to solicit new members for the Board and would like to have the new members in place and announced at the April Annual Meeting. While the vast majority of our Board will remain in place, we will need 1-2 more, and frankly, would be happy to have even 3-4 more folks! I know it's a bit like calling your own child beautiful/smart/athletic, but we have a very good and enjoyable board! We really do have a lot of fun, and the time commitment is pretty minimal. Realistically we have about 10 meetings per year, plus the Annual Meeting. Our monthly meetings are consistently crisp at one hour long, so you don't need to worry about meetings that drag on!

So, go spend that extra money, tell Bridget thanks, and contact me or any other Board member to join the team! [brookmeadowsha@gmail.com](mailto:brookmeadowsha@gmail.com)

Regards,

Tony Elkins, BMHA President

## Welcome New Neighbors at 4802 Shadywood Lane!

*By Bridget Moore*

**Emily Cornell and Chris Young**, daughter **Margaret** (16 months), and dogs **Norman** (a Golden Retriever) and **Frieda** (a Goldendoodle) just moved into their new home! They moved here from Las Vegas, but Emily is actually a GHS graduate. They had been looking for a home in the north Texas area for 6 months, and were thrilled to find the perfect house in Brook Meadows, close to grandparents and in the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD. Emily and Chris own a political consulting firm, where they run a federal Super PAC based in Texas. While Margaret keeps them busy, they still find time for LSU football, travelling to wine regions of the world (Piedmont, Italy is a recent destination), and cooking. And Chris loves hunting and fishing in Louisiana. Welcome to the neighborhood!

## Would You Like to Help Welcome New Neighbors?

*By Bridget Moore*

After 3+ years of greeting new residents in Brook Meadows, Bridget Moore will be stepping down as the Brook Meadows Welcome Chairperson on February 15. Egle Berzinskas has graciously offered to take over the position, and is currently looking for more neighbors to participate as “greeters!” It involves setting up an appointment with the new family to bring them a welcome basket, get them up to speed on what’s going on socially in our neighborhood, and writing a brief bio about them to be published in our

newsletter. We average 9 new families a year. If you enjoy meeting new folks and would be interested in participating, please contact:

[Egle\\_Berzinskas@yahoo.com](mailto:Egle_Berzinskas@yahoo.com). It’s a fun and rewarding way to help Brook Meadows remain the special place it is!

## Jan 28 - Last Tuesday

*By Brett Flournoy*

Time to kickoff the 2020 Last Tuesday campaign, and we’re going to do it by taking a walk on the wild side! Our recon team found a little gem of a Mom and Pop place (thanks Dave and CJ), in a location we have visited before. We followed that with a second visit to see for ourselves, and yes, it is time to bring the entire crew.

On **Tuesday January 28th, at 6:30 PM** we are visiting **Salvadoreno Latin Cuisine**, to partake in Peruvian, Salvadoran, and a little Mexican food! Located at **660 Grapevine Hwy, Hurst** (next to the SteinMart), this restaurant has garnered great reviews. We recommend you try something new, perhaps from the Peruvian or Salvadoran menu. And doesn't it just feel great to help a family fulfil their dreams while personally having a great time? See you there Brookies!

Brett





## **Jan 26 & Feb 23 BMHA Book Club**

*By Stacey Taylor*

On **January 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM** we will be meeting at my home, **4501 Shadycreek Lane**, to discuss the recently published, much praised non-fiction book "Sapiens" written by Yuval Noah Harari. The book spans the evolution of all human genera from the beginning of our species - Homo." Harari has a PhD in history from the University of Oxford and he lectures at the Department of history at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, specializing in world history. Sapiens has been translated into more than 50 languages, sold almost 10,000,000 copies worldwide, and has become an international bestseller. Pick up a copy and join us!

Then, on **February 23rd at 6:00 PM** we will meet at the home of Vangie and Brad Jensen to discuss an old classic "Siddhartha" written by Hermann Hesse. The book deals with the spiritual journey of self-discovery of a man named Siddhartha during the time of the Gautama Buddha. This will be a good follow-up to Sapiens.

Hope to see some new faces at any or all of these meetings!

Stacey Taylor  
[Stacey.1965@yahoo.com](mailto:Stacey.1965@yahoo.com)

## **Mar 21 Spring Party**

*By Egle Berzinskas*

This year's neighborhood Spring Party will be held on Saturday **March 21st at 6:00 PM** at the home of Egle Berzinskas' and Jorge Pinilla's **4713 Shadycreek Ln.** Please bring a dish to share and adult beverage(s) of your choice. The hosts will provide a main dish and plates, cups, and non-alcohol refreshments

Hope to see you there!  
Egle

## **Grape Nuts Wine Club**

*By Brett Flournoy*

It is time to get serious about the planning for our spring wine tasting. And with that, we need a volunteer home site. The perks of hosting are many; you get to help pick both the date and the theme for the event, and you get to develop a closer relationship with many of your neighbors, a true win-wine. So please reach out to me at the contact email or phone listed below. And for those not on our Grape Nuts email list, contact me to be added. And above all, fear not that this is a wine snob group; quite the contrary is true. We just have fun, while gaining a little education. Can't beat that, aye?

To join our email group, contact me:  
Brett Flournoy: [brettflournoy@gmail.com](mailto:brettflournoy@gmail.com)  
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Come join the fun! Brett

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### **Teenage Job Seekers**

Name	Age	Baby Sit	Pet Sit	Yard Work	Phone #
Bulger, Kathleen	14	Y Certified	Y		817-917-2109
Fisher, McKenna	16	Y Certified	Y		(817) 371-0876
Fisher, Jordan	14		Y		(817)714-7067
Fisher, Kennedy	12		Y		(817) 757-0876
Garner, Katie	12	Y Certified	Y		817-701-6460
Limosnero, Roland			Y		817 925-1713
Norwood, Alexis			Y	Y	817-540-2522
Russell, Joseph	18	Y	Y	Y	817-358-1910
Seales, Isabella	13	Y	Y		817 909-6773
Shammass, Andrea		Y Certified	Y		925-285-7157

The Job Seekers listing service is provided free to all Brook Meadows teenagers seeking work. Each month the newsletter includes a list of teenagers in the neighborhood seeking employment; i.e. baby-sitting, yard work or pet care. With so many new people moving into the neighborhood this is a great reference for anyone in need of such a service. If you or your child is looking for a job in the neighborhood, please provide your information including name, age, telephone number, email and the job being sought. We'll include in the next and future issues of the e-newsletter.

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