

Brook Meadows Messenger

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Social Calendar and Important Events

Last Tuesday	On Hold	6:30 PM		
Book Club	January 24	6:30 PM	Bridget Moore Host	Via Zoom
Book Club	February 28	6:30 PM		Via Zoom
Book Club	March 28	6:30 PM		Via Zoom
Book Club	April 25	6:30 PM		Via Zoom
HOA Meeting	April TBD	6:30 PM	Annual HOA Meeting	Via Zoom

Happy New Year Brook Meadows



We haven't been together since Halloween, but here's to 2021 !!!
May we soon be able to celebrate our holidays and common interests together.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

BMHA is very Sociable now...and more!

By Tony Elkins

Dear Neighbors,

As always, there continues to be plenty to share, so please see each of the topics below and other related articles in the newsletter. In the meantime, hopefully with the C19 vaccines being distributed, we start seeing some light at the end of the tunnel!

Facebook / Instagram: Thanks again to Lisa Kalmbach and David Shammass for their great work with the new Facebook and Instagram groups! We have over 40 members now, and I'm sure that will continue to grow. We are taking a crawl, walk, run approach by intent, and expect to move to the walking phase soon! In the meantime, go join!

New neighbors and Events:
We've had several new families come into the neighborhood in recent months. It's hard to welcome them the way we'd like, of course, due to COVID restrictions, but if you have a chance, please make every effort to make them feel welcomed. Also, as you are aware, we typically have a Spring Party. If COVID restricts that, then we may have another Tour de Brook Meadows neighborhood walk, much as we did several months ago...similar to the Halloween parade, with likely some wine and no fire-trucks!

2021 Annual HOA Meeting:
While a date has not been set, we are anticipating holding the Annual HOA meeting via Zoom in April, so as to get back on the April cycle. However, that could be impacted by when it is deemed

safe to gather as we normally do, so stay tuned. For example, if May were deemed to be safe, then we may push out so as to hold in person. Again, stay tuned.

Being Good Neighbors: While it's great, and important, to have CC&R's, they can't always anticipate every scenario. In those cases, I simply encourage all of us to use common sense in keeping our neighborhood orderly, clean and respectful to other neighbors. If you have an issue, while the board is always happy to address specific CCR violations, in some cases, a simple neighbor to neighbor chat is the best thing! Please see other articles in this newsletter regarding speeding and trash.

Financials: The BMHA continues to be in a solid financial position, with April 2021 dues also being reduced to \$200. Additionally, almost all unpaid dues have been collected and significant progress continues to be made. Thanks, again, to Mary Anderson for stepping up and taking the Treasurer role within BMHA.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me at brookmeadowsha@gmail.com. I'm happy to help in any way I can.

Regards,
Tony Elkins, BMHA President



Halloween 2020 was a treat

By Brad Jensen (Editor)

Yes, October 31, 2020 seems so long ago, but we had a normal size parade as people took advantage of the sunny outdoors for their comfort and safety.

Thanks again to the Colleyville Fire Department for making it special.



Last Tuesday

By Brett Flourney

We are approaching the one-year anniversary of our last “Last Tuesday”, February 25th, 2020, at **54th Street Restaurant and Draffhouse**, and by all measures it was one of the best ever! We had over 24 folks despite schedule conflicts for many regulars, and there was great social interaction due to their large room easily supporting standers and sitters! It was just very easy to move around and chat, but also to grab a bite while seated. It seemed like people enjoyed the evening.

So, heh - when we DO relaunch, we are going to **54th Street** again! All we need is a date, once the darkest hours are behind us, we will be meeting again. Please feel free to contact me with other



recommendations for subsequent locations to host, we wish this to be interactive with everyone having a voice. And in the meantime, please support our restaurants as best you can, they need your help to get to the other side of this. Contact me with suggestions OR to join our wine club email list:
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Brett



BMHA Book Club – Sep 27

By Stacey Taylor

As 2021 kicks off the BMBC has chosen its first four books for January, February, March and April.

January 24: “The Devil and Miss Prym”
by Paulo Coelho:

A stranger arrives at the remote village of Viscos, carrying with him a backpack containing a notebook and eleven gold bars. He comes searching for the answer to a question that torments him: Are human beings, in essence, good or evil? In welcoming the mysterious foreigner, the whole village becomes an accomplice to his sophisticated plot, which will forever mark their lives.

February 28: “Memoir from Ant-Proof Case” by Mark Helprin:

An old American who lives in Brazil is writing his memoirs. As he reminisces

and writes, placing the pages carefully in his ant-proof case, we learn that he was a World War II ace who was shot down twice, an investment banker who met with popes and presidents, and a man who was never not in love. He was the thief of the century, a murderer, and a protector of the innocent.

March 28: “American Dirt” by Jeanine Cummins:

“También de este lado hay sueños.” (On this side, too, there are dreams.) Lydia Quixano Pérez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco. She runs a bookstore. One day a man enters her bookstore to browse. Javier is erudite and charming. Unbeknownst to Lydia, he is the jefe of the newest drug cartel that has gruesomely taken over the city. When Lydia’s husband publishes a tell-all profile of Javier their lives will never be the same. Forced to flee, Lydia and eight-year-old Luca soon find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle-class existence.

April 25: “Sometimes a Great Notion”
by Ken Kesey

A critically acclaimed novel by the author of “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest”, this book tells the story of a tough-minded, independent family who settled into a small logging community in Western Oregon. Troubles begin when they refuse to join the local union on strike against the paper conglomerate and continue their family logging business.

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Grape Nuts – Still Wine-ing

By Brett Flournoy

"NOW is the winter of our discontent...."
How true for the Grape Nuts, who haven't been able to meet for quite some time! Is the end in sight? Perhaps, as the vaccine "inarcuations" (a Barney Fife-ism) are beginning to waft through our neighborhood, as several of us have had round 1 of the Moderna vaccine. Late Spring to Summer would at present seem to be the timing for a relaunch, and you will not want to miss it!

A little wine news: We have it on good authority that the Goody Goody franchise has been purchased by Spec's, the long dominant wine purveyor in Houston. As the story goes, Specs dominated Houston, while Dallas-Fort Worth operated more as an oligarchy, with big wine chains such as Centennial, Sigel's, Goody Goody's, and Majestic owning much of the market. It has been said that there was a gentleman's agreement in place about crossing those market lines, something I believe to be true.

Early this century, any such arrangements failed, due in no small part to the invasion of our market by national chains such as Total Wine, with mergers, acquisitions, bankruptcies, and a "grow or die" mentality also playing a big part. It's a free for all out there now, and for the wine buyer it's c'est la vie bon". If we could only go shopping!!!

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Brett

Speeding in the Streets

Please talk with your family.

By Brad Jensen

When I was a teenager, a 15-year-old classmate took his father's truck one day and went joy-riding through the neighborhood with some buddies. Unfortunately, while he was speeding along a toddler ran out from behind a parked car and was struck and killed. It changed many lives forever.

My classmate was never the same after that day. He lived in a daze for a year or so until he committed suicide.

Teenagers can be immature. But we adults are mature and we know better. It's time for all of us to have a talk with our families about driving slow in the neighborhood. What gain do we get from speeding down our streets? Is it a few seconds we gain getting to our destination? Is it the adrenaline rush from stomping on the accelerator? And what downside do we risk if we injure or kill a child? Who would not be struck with guilt?

No less than three neighbors have contacted the BMHA Board about the many people speeding through our neighborhood.

I want to encourage each of you to have this talk with every member of your family. This is a simple discussion that could save the life of a child and the soul of a careless driver.

Thank you for your understanding.

The editor and the Board of Brook Meadows Homeowners Association.

Trash Talk

By Brad Jensen

We all know to put our trash out no sooner than 24 hours before pickups on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Please also return containers promptly.

We have heard some instances of a neighbor placing their trash on another neighbor's curb rather than their own. There may be some legitimate reason for this, but it would be polite and neighborly to check with your neighbor before "trashing" their curb.

The editor and the Board of Brook Meadows Homeowners Association.

Editor's Notice

The Brook Meadows Messenger is normally published seven times per year in the odd numbered months of January, March, May, July, September and November; plus, an extra issue in October for upcoming holiday events.

In light of the cancellation of fall social events last year, the October and November issues were skipped in 2020.

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Teenage Job Seekers

Name	Age	Baby Sit	Pet Sit	Yard Work	Phone #
Bulger, Kathleen	15	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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