

Brook Meadows Messenger

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Social Calendar and Important Events

Last Tuesday	Pending	6:30 PM	54th Street Grill & Bar	When Covid clears
Book Club	March 28	6:30 PM	Doris & Walter Aue	Via Zoom
Book Club	April 25	6:30 PM	Vangie & Brad Jensen	Via Zoom
HOA Meeting	May 24	6:30 PM	Annual HOA Meeting	In person or Zoom TBD

Brook Meadows Social Events are Booming and Zooming



We haven't been together in person since Halloween, but we are anticipating more in-person events in 2021. See details in some of the articles below.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Social sites...4711 Shadywood...
Annual Meeting...and more!**

By Tony Elkins

Dear Neighbors,
OK, so raise your hand if you are one of the “cool kids” who have had the vaccine! Wahoo!! I know, we aren’t completely out of the woods, but you can feel it coming, right??

Facebook/Instagram: Our social presence continues to grow as new neighbors join the FB page and there are several folks posting some very helpful news! If you haven’t joined, please consider doing so.

Web Page: A big thanks to **Sarah Manning**, one of our newer neighbors, who updated our website to now contain the very latest PMR! This change has been needed for quite some time, so much thanks to Sarah!

New neighbors in 4711 Shadywood:
We don’t typically call out individual houses, but I’m making an exception here. We are all far too familiar with the 4711 property and the general state of decline, temporary tenants, etc. Thankfully, the property has now been officially purchased and the new owners are planning extensive renovations! Yea!! More later, as we get them welcomed to the neighborhood, but I know this has been a topic of concern and wanted to share this great news!

2021 Annual HOA Meeting: As the Board has communicated recently, we’d love to have a face-to-face annual meeting and also get back on the normal time frame, but of course our good ol’ friend C19 has not been cooperative.

However, with us now moving slowly back to a more normal life and many people vaccinated, the Board will be considering a **May 24th Annual HOA Meeting** “live and in person”. That’s over 2 months away, and I’m hopeful folks will be getting comfortable by that point. That said, we will reserve the right to change to zoom if it seems it is just a little too soon for too many folks. The Board welcomes your feedback.

Legal: The Board is pleased to announce that we have secured new legal counsel with Riddle and Williams. This same firm represents the Lakefront HOA as well. One of the first things we will do is investigate updating our signage language, which if taken literally, is extremely restrictive (can’t even have “Happy Birthday” signs or similar). Our hope (not promise) is to have new language to approve and adopt at the May Annual HOA meeting.

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

Last Tuesday

By Brett Flournoy

Wow, we are now past the one-year anniversary of our last “Last Tuesday”, held on Feb 24th 2020, at the **54th Street Grill and Bar** in the Glade Parks development. It was a great event and we will kick off the new Last Tuesday program at that same location, in honor of that really fun night. I am not ready to commit to a date as yet, because our Last Tuesday is pretty much a poster child for what not to do during this pandemic. So,

we wait....and wait. Stay tuned, we will commence when the timing is appropriate...it will happen.

Contact me with suggestions OR to join our wine club email list:
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Brett



BMHA Book Club

By Stacey Taylor

March 28 - 6:30 PM: “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 - 6:30 PM: “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 Time is Near **Fine Wine Takes Time** **(especially in 2020 and 2021)**

By Brett Flournoy

While it remains premature to set a date to reestablish our tasting get-togethers, it is not too soon to create the framework for such, and I welcome your ideas on that. It seems safe enough to begin to focus on a summer, backyard type tasting, featuring lighter, summer type wines. Let's move forward with site selection - this is a call for volunteers to host!

Hosting is fun, and rewarding, and in addition you get to help guide the specifics of the tasting if you chose. Fear not, you need not be a wine nerd to host, and we have you covered on all aspects of this; we try to make it as easy as possible by meeting with you in advance to go over everything. If you provide the site and a couple of tables, we do the rest which includes planning and communicating the tasting details, conducting the tasting itself, and tabulating and distributing the results. Please reach out to me to volunteer, or discuss, or just ask questions! And to join our GrapeNuts wine email group, just text, call or email me:

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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
Seales, Isabella	13	Y	Y		817 909-6773
Shammas, 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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