

Brook Meadows Messenger

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Social Calendar and Important Events

Wine Club	June 5	6:30 PM	Doris & Walter Aue	4608 Green Oaks Dr.
Last Tuesday	June 29	6:30 PM	54th Street Grill & Bar	2201 TX Hwy 121
Book Club	July 25	6:30 PM	Bridget Moore	4500 Shadycreek Ln
Book Club	August 22	6:30 PM	Stacey Taylor	4501 Shadycreek Ln

Brook Meadows Graduates

Great Accomplishments
Great Futures



Some really smart and talented young people have reached a milestone in education.
See the next page for a quick look at their degrees and where they are going next.

Graduating High School

Maggie Schlachter - CHHS

Will be attending Penn State

McKenna Fisher - Collegiate Academy

Graduating with an associate's degree. Will be attending University of Texas Arlington College of Nursing

Ryleigh Cobb - CHHS

Will be attending TCU on Dean's Scholarship

Aidan Lortscher - Grapevine High School

Linsey Meyer - Collegiate Academy

Earned an Associate's Degree from TCC Will be attending University of Central Oklahoma in the fall

Brooke Bott - CHHS

Attending Samford University in the fall

Lilly Johnson - GHS - Stem Academy

First graduating class of STEM academy in GISD. Member of National Honor Society Will be attending SMU in the fall with a double major in Finance and Biology (pre-med)

Chase Turrentine - CHHS

Will be attending Texas A&M in the fall.

Matthew Speights - CHHS

Will be attending Texas A&M College of Engineering in the fall

Katherine Davis - FWCS

Salutatorian at FWCS. Will be attending TCU's Honors College Program - Recipient of the Dean's Scholarship at TCU

Corbin Brewer - CHHS

Graduating a year early. Will be attending Texas State University in the fall

Graduating College

Dru Cushing - Oklahoma State University

Earned a degree in accounting. Currently working at Oklahoma State as a flight instructor with plans to pursue a career in aviation

Andrea Shammass - Colorado State University

BS in Health and Exercise Science with emphasis in Sports Medicine and minor in Chemistry. Will attend a Master's program in Biomedical Sciences in preparation for medical school

Daniel Shammass - Loyola Marymount University

Masters of Arts in Urban Education with emphasis in Digital Learning (Cum Laude) Currently a 5th grade math teacher; transitioning to education technology and curriculum development

Cameron Ehringer - Oklahoma State University

Bachelors in Sports Management and Business. Currently doing an internship with the Oklahoma City Dodgers

Congratulations on your accomplishments and best wishes for your future!

Brook Meadows Homeowners

(Many thanks to Alice Elkins for gathering the information on our graduates)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Annual Meeting Recap and CCR Amendment

By Tony Elkins

Dear Neighbors,

Has everyone finally dried out?! Personally, I enjoyed the rain and cooler weather, and you can sense that warm weather is on the way...along with more social events as well! Please find below a recap of the 2021 Annual HOA meeting, as well as an update on the CCR Amendment vote.

2021 Annual HOA Meeting:

Despite a torrential downpour just minutes before the meeting was to start, we had about 25 in person, as well as a handful of folks on zoom. A brief summary of the meeting is as follows:

1. Reports from the various departments (social, legal, communications, etc.)
2. Board of Directors Membership:
Alice Elkins is retiring from the Board; David Shammass is taking on VP role and Lisa Kalmbach is taking on a Communications role
3. Walter Aue is retiring from the ARC and Leslie Shammass has joined the ARC
4. Our end of year cash balance is \$115K, and declining, as planned, by temporarily lowering dues. The board will consider proper dues for April 2022 soon, but as always, you should budget the normal \$375.
5. Wine Club will be meeting in June, and we may be re-instating Last Tuesday in June
6. We will re-engage Community outreach in the Fall with 6 Stones
7. 12 new families in the neighborhood in the last year or so
8. New Legal counsel secured
9. 3 door prizes given away

CC&R Amendment Vote:

At the time of this writing, we have 60 votes in favor of the Amendment and none disapproving. HOWEVER, we need 69 votes for the Amendment to pass and, frankly, I'd like more than the bare minimum. So, PLEASE, do not assume that everyone else is taking care of it! Please send me your vote right away! You will have received either an e-mail or a set of papers in your mailbox. It's easy...JUST DO IT!

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

Welcome New Neighbors - the Grundys

By Egle Berzinskas

Several families have recently purchased homes in our neighborhood but not yet moved in. One family that recently moved in is the Grundys.

Jim and Marina Grundy moved into their home at **4827 Lakeside Drive**. Jim is a native of Texas and Marina is from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. They have two boys just two and three years old; born exactly a year apart! They own their own company in the energy business.

They have done extensive renovations to their home and were excited to finally move in. Their boys attend a Montessori school and are looking forward to one day start at an elementary school that they can walk to. They are very excited to move to a friendly neighborhood and look forward to meeting folks here once Covid restrictions are fully lifted.

Marina is interested in joining the HOA board here at Brook Meadows and they all look forward to participating in neighborhood activities

Grape Nuts – June 5

Fine Wine Takes Time

By Brett Flourney

Heh Grape Nuts, Saturday **June 5th 7pm** at the home of **Walter and Doris Aue, 4608 Green Oaks Drive**, we will at last reconvene for a patio wine tasting! And this one will be pure fun, as the gold, silver and bronze awards will be awarded for two categories:

1. Best Wine Label - and "best" is in the eyes of the beholder, and
2. Best T or Hawaiian style shirt

This does not mean to bring lousy wine! We still have to drink it after all. Try to hit the \$20 mark please. Other simple rules are....

- eat dinner prior
- bring your own stemware
- bring a bottle per two people
- open your bottle prior to coming

That's it! Let's celebrate the end of the Winedemic!!!

To be added to the Grape Nuts email list, just contact me:

Brett Flourney/214-695-0780/
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Last Tuesday – June 29

By Brett Flourney

Last Tuesday time! Fast Forward to **Tuesday, July 29 at 6:30 PM.**

That's when we will regen our Last Tuesday program, and we will do it where we left off - at **54th Street Restaurant and Draffhouse in Euless, at 2201 Hwy 121**. The bar area is large, well ventilated, and the doors are likely to be open - the perfect choice to renew our neighborhood get-together program. Let's start at 6:30PM, and early arrivals are encouraged! Our last visit here was just a kick, so let's see if we can top that one! See you there!

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

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text 214-695-0780.

Brett



BMHA Book Club - July 25 and Aug 22

By Stacey Taylor

On **July 25th at 6:30 pm** at the home of **Bridget Moore, 4500 Shadycreek Ln**, we'll discuss "Dear Life" by Rachel Clarke. From the author of "Your Life in My Hands" comes this vibrant, tender and deeply personal memoir that finds light and love in the darkest of places. In "Dear Life", palliative care specialist Dr. Rachel Clarke recounts her professional and personal journey to understand not the end of life, but life at its end.

Death was conspicuously absent during Rachel's medical training. Instead, her education focused entirely on learning to save lives, and was left wanting when it came to helping patients and their families face death. She came to specialize in palliative medicine because it is the one specialty in which the quality, not quantity of life truly matters.

In the same year she started to work in a hospice, Rachel was forced to face tragedy in her own life when her father was diagnosed with terminal cancer. He'd inspired her to become a doctor, and the stories he had told her as a child proved formative when it came to deciding what sort of medicine she would practice. But for all her professional exposure to dying, she remained a grieving daughter.

Dear Life follows how Rachel came to understand—as a child, as a doctor, as a human being—how best to help patients in the final stages of life, and what that might mean in practice.

On **August 22 at 6:30 pm** at the home of **Stacey Taylor, 4500 Shadycreek Ln**, we'll discuss "City of Thieves" by David Benioff. During the Nazis' brutal siege of Leningrad, Lev Beniov is arrested for looting and thrown into the same cell as a handsome deserter named Kolya. Instead of being executed, Lev and Kolya are given a shot at saving their own lives by complying with an outrageous directive: secure a dozen eggs for a powerful Soviet colonel to use in his daughter's wedding cake. In a city cut off from all supplies and suffering unbelievable deprivation, Lev and Kolya embark on a hunt through the dire lawlessness of Leningrad and behind enemy lines to find the impossible. By turns insightful and funny, thrilling and terrifying, the New York Times bestseller City of Thieves is a gripping, cinematic World War II adventure and an intimate coming-of-age story with an utterly contemporary feel for how boys become men.

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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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