

Brook Meadows Messenger

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Social Calendar

Last Tuesday	Jan. 27	6:30 PM	Anna's Mexican Grill	1009 Cheek Sparger
BM Book Club	Feb. 20	6:30 PM	Brad & Vangie Jensen	3004 Meadowview Ct.
Annual HOA mtg.	Apr.20	7:00 PM	Colleyville Center	5301 Riverwalk Dr.

New Year, New Look!



The new entry way signs and landscaping are mostly done and are very nice. Thanks to everyone who took part in the planning and management. These attractive yet cost-effective entry ways will enhance the neighborhood appeal of Brook Meadows.

Last Tuesday Time!

By Brett Flournoy

We are kicking off the 2015 Last Tuesday schedule at **Anna's Mexican Grill** in Tara Village, at 1009 Cheek-Sparger Road, on Tuesday January 27th, at 6:30 PM. Good Tex-Mex and a Colleyville restaurant! Let's give 'em a big welcome! Check them out at: www.annasmexicangrill.com.

We continue the theme of small independent and unique restaurants in February with our invasion of **Jibaritos** in Bedford, specializing in Puerto Rican cuisine (for all you "mofongo" lovers). More on that to follow!

GCISD Pure Feeder Taskforce Update

By Sally Wheeler

GCISD continues to explore options to create a pure feeder system. Please go to the district webpage www.gcisd-k12.org and find the button [Pure Feeder Task Force] on the right side to be informed of changes that affect our neighborhood.

Many of the proposed options call for busing Brook Meadows to Grapevine High School. For discussions on why the current system should remain you can search the group: "Stop GCISD Proposed Feeder Pattern Changes" on Facebook. Currently no changes will be made for the 2015-2016 school year, but please be informed since schools influence property values.

BMHA Book Club

By Stacey Taylor

BMHA Book club will meet at the home of **Vangie and Brad Jensen** at 3004 Meadowview Court on Friday **February 20th** at 6:30 pm. The selection is "Empire of the Summer Moon" by S.C. Gwynne, about the rise and fall of the Comanche Indians, the most powerful tribe in American History. We will provide Pizza, and for those interested in bringing additional food or drink, please coordinate with Vangie (817) 269-5200 vangie.jensen@att.net. RSVP is optional but encouraged.

4514 Shadywood Lane has new owners

By Jo Carol Haynes

Carmen Ramirez, MD., Shane Shuckerow and their three children have joined us as new lakefront property owners. They come to this area from Tampa, after residing a short time in College Station. Carmen was born in Columbia and moved to the US when she was 8. She is a neurologist at Baylor Hospitals in Irving and Dallas. Shane is originally from Connecticut, was raised in upstate New York, and works at DNA MedSafe. He is an avid Steelers fan and has a passion for theology and fitness. Attending Covenant Christian Academy, Alex-13 enjoys track, photography, music, art, writing, film, and cooking. Lucas-11 is active in basketball, track, billiards, and plays several musical instruments. Daughter Bella-6 is involved in competitive cheer and dance. The whole family loves travel and martial arts. Welcome!

Potential Hotel Construction Coming to Colleyville

By Stacey Brewer

The City of Colleyville is currently considering an application by a land owner, Icon Lodging a/k/a Colleyville Lodging, LLC, to rezone 1.943 acres located at 5200 State Highway 121 situated between La Hacienda Ranch and JR's Grill and directly adjacent to Colleyville Heritage High School. The request under consideration is to re-zone the property from the existing CC-2 Shopping Center zoning district to a PUDC – Planned Unit Development Commercial Zoning. Further, the application for case # ZC14-024 is requesting variance allowances to the PUDC zoning to specifically allow adjustments to height restrictions regarding their desired construction of a 5-story hotel at this site.

CC-2 Shopping Center zoning in existence for years on this property has allowed for the construction of a hotel not to exceed 2-stories. The property owner is seeking to alter the Colleyville Land Development Code to allow for the construction of a 5-story hotel instead citing that a larger establishment allows for greater price per night. This item has been before the council twice before and has yet to be called for a vote by the council. The first hearing before the council was in December, 2014 and then earlier this month in January. At both meetings, there was a great deal of open forum speaking regarding the application.

In addition, the city has received letters from community members regarding the same application. This application is up for discussion and possible vote at this **Tuesday's meeting, January 20, 2015.** In order to be approved, the vote by the council must be unanimous.

Keep Brook Meadows Beautiful - Refuse reminder!

By John Schlacter

Several homeowners have recently complained to the board that there are homes with trash barrels, recycling barrels and yard waste on the curb more than 24 hours prior to pick up. This not only looks bad, it is in violation of Colleyville regulations. Garbage and the like cannot be placed on the street until 24 hours before pick up.

Apparently many lawn services are leaving bags on the curb. Lawn service performed on Friday afternoon will result in bags on the street through the weekend and until Tuesday. Ask your lawn company to take your yard waste. If they refuse to do so, please either move their mowing schedule to Mondays or Thursdays (to be picked up on Tuesday and Friday) in order to avoid this violation; or instruct them where to leave these bags (not visible to street) so they can be moved to the curb prior to pick up.

Walking or driving through Brook Meadows is beautiful. Please help us keep it that way!

Staycation Fort Worth!

By Brett Flournoy

With the weather finally turning tolerable this weekend, Shelley and I decided to amend our plans to take in “Beauty and the Beast” at Bass Hall, by staying downtown for a night, and going totally urban. We're big fans of Fort Worth and can always find something to do.

We scored lodging at the Omni for a modest rate, but curiously, it wasn't available Saturday. We arrived downtown at 2pm on Friday, to find the lobby full of adolescent cheerleaders (oops) as we learned in real time that there was a national cheerleader's show across the street at the convention center. And then there was the stock show parade scheduled for Saturday at 11am, to include the fresh aroma of horse poop. No problem...we adjust!

Time to go walkabout, check the movie lineup, and get a nosh, which happens late afternoon at “Bird Café” (the former Flying Saucer that faces the new plaza) directed by former Colleyville chef David Mcmillan. We then scoped out several new places, and spend some money at “The Brass Tap” on Houston Street, en-route back to the Omni and a planned dinner later at Bob's Steak House. Can you imagine cheerleaders in a Bob's Steak House? Well....yeah.

Saturday morning we abandoned the hotel before the parade, in order to search out a coffee prior to our visit to the Kimbell and the "Faces of the Impressionists" exhibit on loan from the

Musee d'Orsay in Paris. At the very moment we were ready to concede to a 7-11 coffee, I spotted “Righteous Foods”, the new offering by chef Lanny Lancarte in an old house on west 7th street, and we headed in for some granola (we are SO urban). Great! On plan! (what plan???)

Our kids joined us for the art exhibit (wonderful but crowded), then back downtown for more touring and a late lunch at “The Brass Tap”, since the cheerleaders owned every other restaurant. We sent the kids back to Dallas, then holed up at the Ashton Hotel bar to kill some time ‘till the show at 8PM - would you believe free drinks? "We're not staying here..." - "that's ok...try the free h'ordeuvres..." Yeah...big tip.

We finished the Staycation Fort Worth with Beauty and the Beast, which lived up to the press - great show! It's great to live so close to such a cool town as Fort Worth!!!

BMHA Annual Meeting

As you will have seen elsewhere in this newsletter, the annual board meeting is coming up on **April 20th**. There will be new board positions open, so now is a great time to throw your hat in the ring! If you have an interest in serving on the board, please let us know! It's fun (with occasional fruit, wine and cheese at Board meetings!) and not very time consuming. We actually get good things done! (Like the new entryways)

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Pappas, Allison	13	Y	Y		817-366-2522
Russell, Joseph	14	Y	Y	Y	214-534-0173
Sexton, Emma	17	Y	Y	Y	817-675-9277
Wheeler, Amanda	14	Y	Y		817-488-1482
					817-658-7520
The Job Seekers listing service is provided free to all Brook Meadows teenagers seeking work					

Teenage Job Seekers

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.