

# *Brook Meadows Messenger*

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Social Calendar				
BM Book Club	Sep 21	6:30 PM	Rio Mambo	5150 TX-121
Last Tuesday	Sep 29	6:30 PM	Chill Sports Bar	814 S. Main Street
BM Book Club	Oct 25	6:00 PM	Walter & Doris Ave	4608 Green Oaks

Proud to be a Brook Meadows homeowner!



Read on for tips about how to make our neighborhood the best neighborhood in Colleyville... something we can all relate to and benefit from.

## Be a Good Neighbor

*By Walter Aue*

There are lots of things you can do to make Brook Meadows an even better place to live. Here are a few tips:

- Put trash out on the curb no more than 24 hours before pick up.
- Pull in your trash cans after pick up – the same day!
- If you see your neighbor's trash can on the curb after pick up, wheel it up to the driveway gate.
- Trim trees and shrubs to improve traffic sight lines (This is a homeowner responsibility, that Colleyville city will enforce with fines.)
- Keep your dog secure in your backyard or on a leash when walking. --There has been a recent incident of a dog biting a neighbor.
- If your dog is barking excessively, bring the dog in the house or find another cure for incessant barking.
- Always pick up after your pet.
- Don't park trailers and boats in your driveway visible from the street --It's in the CC&Rs!

Let's all pitch in to make Brook Meadows the best place to live in the metroplex.

## Sept. 29 - Last Tuesday

*By Brett Flournoy*

Much thanks goes to the Magnificent Seven for attending in August, historically our slowest month, hopefully you guys had fun at Dave and Buster's. September begins our patio season, and to celebrate the coming "chill in the air", we will be visiting **Chill Sports Bar** in Grapevine, one of the most successful casual dining spots in Northeast Tarrant County; **814 S. Main Street at 6:30 pm.** Tuesday specials include \$1 tacos, and \$2 Coronas and Dos Equis's. See you there!

## Sep. 21 - BMHA Book Club

*By Stacey Taylor*

Food, wine, and great neighbors! What more could you want? A good book? Okay, we've got that, too! The Brook Meadows Book Club will meet Monday, **September 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Rio Mambos -- 5150 TX-121.** We will be discussing "Things That Matter" by Charles Krauthammer.

The club is growing and the meetings are fun and thought-provoking. We hope you'll join us and add to the discussion!

## Oct. 25 - BMHA Book Club

*By Stacey Taylor*

Sunday, **October 25th at 6:00 p.m.,** we will meet at the home of **Walter and Doris Aue -- 4608 Green Oaks Drive** to discuss "Killing Jesus" by Bill O'Reilly.

BTW the Brook Meadows Book Club is open to everyone, including couples, singles and friends. We hear that some people think it is for couples only, but several people attend on their own and we welcome friends from outside Brook Meadows as well.

## We need a Volunteer to Host the Fall Patio Party!



Host or Hostess needed for our annual Fall Patio Party. You may pick the date and time during October or November. Guests will bring a snack or dessert to share and BYOB of course. The time is near so please volunteer now. Contact **Pam De La Porte** at (972) 841-0032 or [pjdlp77@me.com](mailto:pjdlp77@me.com) if you would like to provide your patio this fall.

## Halloween Parade

This year Halloween falls on Saturday, October 31. Watch this space next month for details of the annual BMHA Halloween Parade. The young kids really love this event! Followed by trick-or-treat in the best neighborhood in Texas!



## Holiday Host Needed!

We need a volunteer to host our annual Brook Meadows Holiday Party. You pick the date and time, and folks will come with desserts and appetizers to share. Please contact the Board at our email address or **Pam De La Porte** at (972) 841-0032 or [pjdlp77@me.com](mailto:pjdlp77@me.com) if you are interested or have questions.

## Ladies Holiday Exchange is looking for a Hostess



You pick a date and time in December. Ladies bring an ornament valued at twenty dollars or less. You can decide details for drinks and appetizers. Please email the Board address or contact **Pam De La Porte** at (972) 841-0032 or [pjdlp77@me.com](mailto:pjdlp77@me.com) if you are interested or have any questions.

## Volunteers needed to help decorate our entrances



Please contact the Board or **Pam De La Porte** at (972) 841-0032 or [pjdlp77@me.com](mailto:pjdlp77@me.com) if you can help anytime Thanksgiving week. We will coordinate a time that works for the most helpers. It is a great way to give back to a great neighborhood.

## A Gem in Texas

*By Brett Flournoy*

Just outside La Porte Texas lies the historical battleship The USS Texas, an attraction about which you have probably given little thought. Well....me too, and I'm former Navy and an admitted World War I and World War II buff. It is seemingly easy to fall into the trap of believing that these military ships become museums, merely because of their names, but that is most certainly not the case for The USS Texas.

The Texas was completed prior to the outbreak of World War I in Europe, and is the oldest surviving modern battleship in the world. As such, any documentaries about naval warfare in WWI usually include footage of her at anchor in LaPorte. Upon the United States entry into WWI in 1917, The Texas sailed to join the British Grand Fleet in Scotland, and as integral to that unit, she helped with both North Sea blockade duty of the German High Seas Fleet, and with convoy duty. After Jutland in 1916, nothing really transpired between the two fleets, but following the Armistice (ending the war) in November 1918, she participated in escorting the surrendering High Seas Fleet back to Scotland. But wait...there's more!

In World War II, The Texas was active in convoy duty, and then first fired in anger during the invasion of North Africa in 1942, providing artillery support. More convoy duty followed. Then came the Normandy invasion, in which The Texas was a key player in the bombardment of Omaha Beach; at one point positioned only 3000 yards from the beach while firing her 14" shells in a very flat trajectory. She was then

positioned off Cherbourg and dueled with a large artillery placement, winning but taking her first fatality in the process. This action completed her Normandy and Atlantic involvement.

Off to the Pacific....and.....Iwo Jima! The Texas provided pre-invasion bombardment, then Marine artillery support for the entire Iwo Jima operation. From there? Try Okinawa! True enough, she performed the same mission for the Okinawa campaign; while ducking kamikazes, by the way.

In summary, our Texas gem fought with the British Grand Fleet in World War I, and was heavily involved in the North Africa campaign, the Normandy invasion, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. She can be visited at 3523 Independence Pkwy, in La Porte, just outside of Houston. Not sure about you, but on my next trip in that area, I'm going to drop by and pay my respects!



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### Teenage Job Seekers

Name	Age	Baby Sit	Pet Sit	Yard Work	Phone #
Hall, Grace	14	Y			817-312-9856
Norwood, Alexis			Y	Y	817-540-2522
Pappas, Allison	15	Y	Y		817-366-2522
Russell, Joseph	15	Y	Y	Y	817-358-1910
Sexton, Emma	17	Y	Y	Y	817-675-9277
Alex Shuckerow	13		Y	Y	469-579-9040
Lucas Shuckerow	11		Y	Y	469-604-1878
Wheeler, Amanda	15	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.