

BROOK MEADOWS GAZETTE

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is hard to believe the 2003 Holiday Season is here. Where did the year go, it seems like just yesterday we were putting the Christmas decorations away, now it is time to decorate again. There are a lot of things going on in Brook Meadows:

- Social events
- New neighbors
- A renewed commitment to strengthen the homeowners association.

The Brook Meadows Homeowners are planning a Christmas Party on December 13th, and an Ornament Exchange on December 11th. Brook Meadows homeowners will be hosting both of these events and welcome all of their neighbors to join in the festivities. Additional details are provided later in this publication. I encourage you to attend both of these great events!

The holiday season is also a perfect time to reach out to one of your new neighbors whom have moved into our neighborhood this year. Eight new families in 2003 now call Brook Meadows home. Let's make them feel welcome!

The Brook Meadows Board of Directors continues to work on a number of items that will enhance both the experience of living in Brook Meadows and the value of our homes. Additional Block Captains and various committee members are needed to help develop and enhance our neighborhood. Please feel free to contact me directly if you are willing to help.

The Brook Meadows Board of Directors and I would like to wish each of you a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Woody Anderson

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Ornament Exchange

December 11th

Thursday at 7:00 pm

2900 Meadowview Drive

Hostess: Susan Hagameier

Ladies Only - \$5 per person

Bring wrapped ornament

Holiday Party

December 13th

Saturday evening 7:00 pm

2800 Meadowview Drive

Hosted by:

Byron & Lisa Montgomery

All Adult Neighbors Welcome

Cost = \$10 per person at door

Holiday Train Open House

Date to be Announced

Hosted by:

Stan & Karen Pirzchalski

4832 Lakeside Drive

New Neighbors

Mike And Lindsey Fonseca:

4810 Shadywood Lane

Mike and Lindsey moved to Brook Meadows in May. Mike is employed by Cleveland Golf as a Golf Representative. Lindsey is a fourth grade teacher at Birdville ISD. They've been married fifteen months and no children so far. Mike is originally from California and Lindsey is from Longview.

David and Tessi Lee:

2904 Meadowview

David and Tessi moved to Brook Meadows in July. David is employed by Urology Associates of North Texas as a Urologist. Tessi spends her time at home raising their two children, Alexandra, age 7 and David, age 4. David attends O.C. Taylor Elementary. Both David and Tessi moved here from California. David loves to play golf when he can find the time.

MORE NEW NEIGHBORS IN NEXT NEWSLETTER

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Are you looking for ways to complete your community service hours? The BMHA has several projects that you can participate in, or organize and lead, if you also need leadership opportunities for your college applications. Contact any one of the board members on the back page of this newsletter for more information. We need your help.

Activities Available:

- High School Neighborhood Patio/Band Party- organize, publicize, set up, cleanup
- Trash pick up Glade and Jackson roads
- Workday to build screens or plant shrubs in front of power boxes on Glade Road
- Publish and Edit the newsletter
- Data input for the directory
- Build and maintain the BMHA website
- Assist block Captains in distributing newsletters and event flyers

SAFETY AWARENESS

Did you know that in the past 2 months we have experienced a home break-in and a personal property theft from a driveway? Please be a good neighbor and report any suspicious activities immediately to the Colleyville Police Department.

I encourage each of you to complete your homeowner survey, with your email address, to help us communicate information like this in a timely manner. Emails to you from the Homeowners association will always have the letters BMHA in the subject line. Please open them.

Also, please encourage everyone in your household to slow down and drive safely at all times! Keep an eye on your children while they play, as a lot of drivers are cutting through our neighborhood to get around the traffic back up at Glade and Jackson-Pool Roads.



Brook Meadows Halloween Parade

What is it with kids and fire trucks? The lights flash, the sirens sing, the kids flock. All had a great time showing off their costumes and being a part of a great tradition.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Half way through the 2003-04 BMHA term, the Social Committee has coordinated four neighborhood events: Spring Patio Party, Oktoberfest, Fall Garage Sale, and Children's Halloween Parade. A big thank you to Cindy Acquavella, Shelly Holliman and Shelley Flournoy for all your hard work.

Next on the calendar, The Ladies' Ornament Exchange, will be hosted again by Susan Hagameier, at 2900 Meadowview Drive. The Ornament Exchange is a holiday affair and a neighborhood favorite. Ladies, bring a wrapped ornament \$15-\$20 value, an hors d'oeuvres and \$5.00 for beverages. Do not forget to mark your calendar for Thursday, December 11th, at 7:00pm. Ladies, please do not miss this, it is great fun and a wonderful tradition.

The fun continues two days later with the Brook Meadows Holiday Party. Saturday, December 13th at 7:00pm, Byron and Lisa Montgomery at 2800 Meadowview are opening their newly remodeled home to the neighborhood. All neighbors are welcome. Adults bring \$10 each for beer or wine, plus an hors d'oeuvres or dessert.

It seems we have a teen garage band in the neighborhood looking for a place to play and an enthusiastic audience to listen. There is a group of parents working on a teenage party. Details to follow.

Looking ahead to an HOA 'members only' spring event. Which would you like to do?

- *On the Border* party bus to take us to the West End for dinner and then safely chauffeur us back to Brook Meadows.
- Bus tour of the local wineries
- Dinning out night out at Avantis at Glade & Heritage
- Golf outing or any other Suggestions

The Social Committee is looking for more members and is also searching for members to host events for the 2004-2005 term. This is a great way to meet many of your neighbors and get involved without a huge commitment of time. Call Shelley Flournoy (817) 267-5107 or Cindy Acquavella (817) 545-9107, we would love to have you join the fun.

INANE RAMBLINGS, by Brett Flournoy

So, exactly what is up with the intersection of Glade & Heritage? Why so difficult to fix? I don't know, but it seems like that intersection has been under repair since Dr. Colley claimed this area for Spain. Must be some dinosaur bones in there.

Quickie restaurant review - AVANTI, in the Alberston's shopping center, is excellent, has alfresco dining (yeah, I know it's winter), and it's BYOB, so you can have a nice dinner with wine, on a Monday budget. Imagine Stromboli with a presentation! Try the cheesecake, hmmm. If going there for dinner - leave early - you still have to get through the Glade/Heritage intersection!

Anybody notice the tendency of our Bradford pears to throw their limbs at pedestrians this year? "Yes Johnny, you can play outside, just stay away from the pear tree, it's very angry." If you prefer trees that like to keep their limbs to themselves, the haute new tree is the Red Maple, to go with the old standards - the red oak, live oak, and sweet gum.

We have a cedar and three pears available as firewood, if you are interested.

It's the cold and flu season - have you had your flu shots yet? And why can't we get cold shots? Isn't that a Stevie Ray Vaughn song? Recently saw the musical 'Mamma Mia' at the Bass, featuring 22 songs by ABBA. Outstanding! I wanted to sing along, but it's not too cool for a guy to know the lyrics to Dancing Queen.

If you missed OKTOBERFEST, fear not, this will become an annual event. We cooked 60 bratwursts, 40 smoked drumsticks, feasted on wonderful side dishes and desserts, and consumed about 15 gallons of Spaten Lager from Munich. That had us speaking something resembling German, all in celebration of the Brook Meadows Harvest! Just exactly what do we grow here anyway?

Auf Wiedersehen! Bis spater.

"THE" Brook Meadows Octoberfest



Doug is Jamming



"...no funds from BMHA are used toward social events."



Jon belting it out

"The Grateful Dads" Rock !!



Mary and Doris

Once again, Brett and Shelley Flournoy hosted an excellent party for the neighborhood. It was Octoberfest in the Flournoy backyard on a clear and perfect Saturday last month. More than fifty of our neighbors joined in on the fun, food, and the official beer of Munich, Spaten Lager.

The last newsletter reported on the hospitality of Brett and Shelley and advised everybody to be on the lookout for the next Flournoy party. The ones who paid attention had a great time. For those who did not come, you missed out on a great party...

DO NOT MISS THE NEXT ONE!!

"The Grateful Dads" featuring two of our neighbors, Doug Guerriere on guitar and Jon Lamb belting out the vocals, entertained the crowd and had everybody's toes tapping. Thanks to Doug, John, and mainly to Brett and Shelley for opening your home to the Brook Meadows crazies.



"The Grateful Dads" having fun



Mark and Kim



The Girls



The Early Crowd



The Beer Barrel and the crowd it Draws.



Mike and Beth



Cindy, Brett, Susan, Woody



The Blue Shirt Club



Brett, Shelley, Jo Carol, Kevin, Doris, Walter

*“Important News about
the procedures we all
must legally follow before
starting any exterior
property improvement”*

PLEASE READ !!

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ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE LETTER

Urgent. Please Read:

The Architectural Committee (Phil Newman, Mark Adams, and Jessica Stutz) has been busy trying to uphold the requirements of the Brook Meadows Homeowners Association’s Conditions, Covenants and Requirements (CC&R’s). Many homeowners are now replacing their roofs and you are reminded of the requirement to have your new roof plans approved by the Committee. Exceptions to the guidance in the most recently approved amendment to the CC&R’s are being reviewed on a case by case basis as we have found many of the most expensive composite roofs made of the most modern materials are lighter and do not meet the weight requirements of the amendment. The Committee will provide written approval for the project to the homeowner.

All homeowners are reminded of the requirement to have other architectural changes and additions approved by the Committee as well. The Committee will review each request and respond, in writing, promptly. The Committee is working on a standard form for architectural change submissions. Until the form is complete, please provide the information, in writing, to the Committee. The information should include:

- **Drawings/blue prints, if appropriate**
- **A written description of the project**
- **A sample or description of any component or material of the project that will be visible from the front of the house.**

Your compliance with this requirement is appreciated and is not optional. The Committee welcomes your input and is looking for additional members. Please contact any of the members for additional information.

Phil Newman (817) 545-9105

Mark Adams (817) 858-9998

Jessica Stutz (817) 358-9356

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

In a letter that was sent to all homeowners on September 9, it was announced that the Brook Meadows Board appointed a Governance Committee for the purpose of reviewing the Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions and our Association Bylaws to determine if any changes or modifications should be made. One of the first actions of the new committee was to develop a survey for the purpose of obtaining homeowners thoughts, opinions and concerns as it relates to our neighborhood.

All homeowners should have received the survey in September. Block Captains hosted meetings and encouraged completion of the survey. Many of the surveys have been returned and the Committee is in the process of evaluating the results. If you did not receive the survey form, please contact Mark Adams for a copy at (817) 858-9998 so that we may have the benefit of your feedback. This is an important project and we need the input from EVERY homeowner. The final cutoff date for inclusion of your feedback in the report is November 30th.

The Committee intends to have the results of the survey along with recommendations completed by December and then presented to the Board. Thank you very much for your attention to this very important project. If you have any questions, you may contact one of the following committee members.

Tom Slone
Ron Gentry

Donna Woods
Kevin Haynes

Brad Rice
Mark Adams

2004 Brook Meadows Homeowners Directory is scheduled to be printed late December with distribution in January. It is not too late to be included in the new directory. Please make sure that you have filled out a new information sheet in the last couple months and get the form to one of the Officers listed on this page in the left column. If you need a form call, or email, a request to any one of us.

Annual Dues for Homeowners Association are past due. If not paid for 2003, please mail to the post office box at left. Just a reminder that the ‘dues year’ is **April thru March**. We all need to share in the upkeep of our beautiful neighborhood. The new directory will be provided at no charge to members of record in January. Any questions, email or call one of the Officers.