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Message from the Board

As you have seen around the neighborhood, your neighbors are really doing a lot of work on their homes. Whether it be new roofs, new paint, or re-landscaping, our neighborhood is starting to look revived and fresh. Let you neighbors know how good their properties look. The Board would like to pass along a thank you to the large percentage of you who have followed the CC&Rs and submitted the proper property modification request forms. The form is incredibly easy and the ARC is now reviewing and advising the homeowner within a week of receipt. There were a couple projects completed without the proper ARC forms. If that was you, we would request that you go to: <http://www.brookmeadows.org/architecture.htm> to get the form and submit for approval, even if the project has been completed. It will assist the ARC in maintaining the proper records should it come up down the line. Also at the website, please take a moment to review Administrative Resolution #006. This resolution defines and states the guidelines and procedures for the ARC and has been "conditionally" approved by the Board pending any feedback from the community. Please read through the AR006 which can be found at the web address indicated above. The Board invites your comments and response to the proposed AR006.

Now that the ARC is up and running and doing a great job after some early administrative 'bumps', the next project for the Board is to focus on our primary goal. Block Captains. In our first meeting, we discussed what we thought was the most important facet missing from our neighborhood. The unanimous opinion of the Board was that expanding direct neighbor-to-neighbor communications was critical to the health of any community. We now have a website, a regular newsletter, and active committees, but what is missing is direct, face to face, immediate, and personal neighborly communication with ALL of our neighbors. In the 'old days' you stuck your head out the door and could borrow a cup of sugar

from any of the homes you could see. That is the concept of the Block Captain program. We have divided the neighborhood into twelve small 11-12 home groups and are asking for volunteers to serve each of those groups. Their responsibility will be to become acquainted with each of your neighbors and keep in touch with them on a regular basis. It will allow each block captain to get complaints, suggestions, comments, or information from each of their neighbors at least once each month and pass that information on to the proper committee for handling. The big thing that is missing from this newsletter is that personal touch... a listing of life events, social functions, and photos of our neighbors. A good block captain could assist in providing that information and assist in getting it to the neighbors. We all love to read about our neighbors and neighborhood. The program would also allow the Board to be immediately aware of any problems in the neighborhood to be able to address them quickly. It now seems as if the Board does not know about problems until the "mole-hill becomes the mountain".

We are looking for anybody that has a couple hours a month to make this a better place to live. It will make a world of difference to our community. If you have any interest in finding out what the "Block Captain" duties are or what will be expected of the volunteer position, please email us at, Directors@BrookMeadows.org to express your interest. We will be having a couple "coffees" or get-togethers to discuss our vision of the program and listen to your ideas. This is the time to step up ... we look forward to hearing from you.

The Board thanks you for the opportunity you have given us to serve our wonderful community. We are here for you; please let us know what you are thinking.

Thank you,
Your Board

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

The recent weather has many of us replacing our roofs and performing other maintenance, or upgrading construction, to our properties. The new CC&Rs require us to obtain approval from the ARC by using the Form available on the website:

www.BrookMeadows.com/architecture.htm

Projects that can be seen from the street, or will impact the view of your neighbors, must be presented to the ARC -- BEFORE the project begins. Any changes to your property including:

Major Landscaping*
External Structural Changes
Out Buildings
Exterior Painting*
Driveway Resurfacing or Paving
Mailboxes*

Other Projects that will affect the External Appearance of your Property*

* Small plantings in current beds, or structural maintenance of your property with "like kind and color", does not need approval.

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School is back in session as of August 27th. Please be aware of children walking and biking to and from school. Of course, we want all children to be safe and school buses are relatively safe. However, accidents and injuries involving school buses do happen. More often than not these injuries happen when children are entering or exiting the bus. Here are some safety tips for school bus riders.

- Have a safe place to wait for the bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- Hold onto the handrails when entering or exiting the bus.
- Once on the bus, take your seat and remain seated face forward.
- Talk quietly so that you don't distract the driver.
- Never throw things on the bus and keep your hands to yourself.
- When you exit the bus, take ten giant steps away from the bus. When you are closer than 10 feet from the bus, the driver might not see you. This is known as the DANGER ZONE.
- If you forget something on the bus, do not return to the bus to get it. The driver might not see you.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you.
- If you need to cross the street, cross in front of the bus never behind the bus.

Motorists should follow safety rules around school buses. Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop. Motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights indicate that the bus has stopped and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red

flashing lights are turned off.

Here are a few more traffic safety tips for motorists.

- When backing out of the driveway or garage, watch out for children.
- When driving through neighborhoods and especially in school zones, watch out for children. Children don't always pay attention to traffic and don't always know that motorists have trouble seeing them.
- Slow down. Watch out for children walking or playing in the street.



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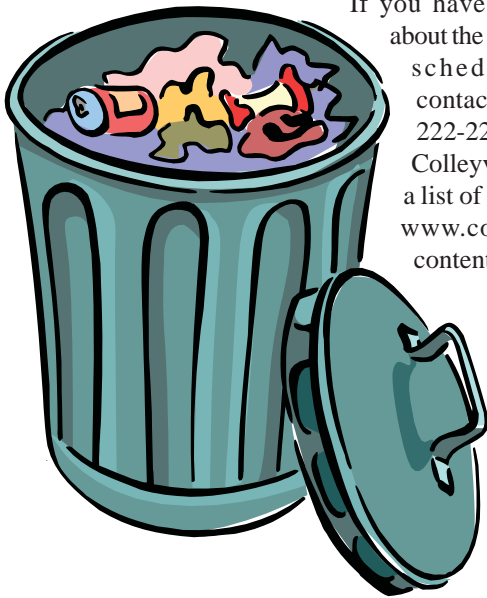
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Trash Pickup Rules

Have you been to New York City lately? If you walk down virtually any street on any evening, the major problem you will have is dodging the garbage bags on the sidewalks. We do not want the streets of Brook Meadows looking like the sidewalks of Brooklyn. The Board has received numerous comments, bordering on complaints, from homeowners that some of our neighbors are not following the Colleyville rules on Trash Pickup. Please open the attached file and review the rules... Two important items that have been requested by your neighbors and the City of Colleyville:

- Trash to curb NO SOONER than 24 hours before pickup.
- Trash containers removed from street ASAP after pickup.



If you have any questions about the rules and pickup schedule you can contact IESI at (817) 222-2221 or go to the Colleyville website for a list of the rules: <http://www.colleyville.com/content/view/298/0/>

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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Architectural Control Committee

Per the newly filed Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions, in effect since June 13th, we have an approved Architectural Review Committee (ARC). The ARC was put in place to protect our property values by ensuring that all visible new construction, maintenance, and landscaping is in concert with the look and feel of the neighborhood. It is required for each of us, BEFORE making any visible exterior changes, to make contact with the ARC for plan approval. General maintenance or replacement of exterior features with 'like kind and color' does not require ARC approval. The ARC is currently working on a procedure for reporting your proposed changes. Once the procedures are finished and approved, we will post them on the website and in our newsletter. Until that time, please send notice to:

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4 eggs

1 tsp. vanilla

1-3/4 Cup flour

1 tsp. salt

1/4 Cup cocoa

Pecans (optional)

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1-Oct. 21—FORT WORTH: Ron Mueck Presents 13 works and a 30-minute video showing the artist at work, as well as examples of his working materials and casts. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. www.themodern.org 866/824-5566

7-9—FORT WORTH: Zest Fest 2007 Includes celebrity chef demonstrations and the annual Fiery Foods Challenge. Will Rogers Memorial Center. www.zestfest2007.com 817/392-7469

7-9—GRAND PRAIRIE: 45th Annual National Championship Powwow Includes colorful tribal dance contests, arts & crafts, cultural heritage demonstrations, teepees and Indian food. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 972/647-2331

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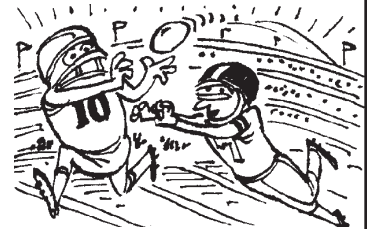
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