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Message from the Board

A Social Community Makes for a Healthy Community

Six months ago, the new Board made a commitment to revitalize Brook Meadows Home Owners Association by reaching out and asking each of us to be active participants in our community. There are many ways each of us can be active in our community: volunteering to be a part of the administration of Brook Meadows, getting to know what is happening within our community, and to having a healthy relationship with your neighbors. Each aspect of involvement is very important and is a lot easier and more rewarding than you may think.

A major component to developing and making a healthy community is to support an active social community. To interact socially with our friends, and your Brook Meadows neighbors, is important to create a healthy environment for everyone who lives here. Previous Boards began the process through a variety of committees and events such as the Welcoming Committee, special social events like the Halloween Parade for families, the Ladies Ornament Exchange and the Brook Meadows Christmas Party to name a few. The recently added event, "Last Tuesday", has become a fun time to gather with our neighbors at a pre-selected local restaurant or tavern for pseudo "TGIF-like" gathering to socialize and have a good time. If you have not been to a "Last Tuesday" event, you have missed out on a great time, and some great people. Going forward, will be forming the Block Captain Committee to improve neighbor-to-neighbor communications.

The Board wants to press forward with all of these social events, to place more

importance on each event, and to add more to the social calendar to will help bring us together as neighbors and families. So look forward not only to events like the Halloween Children's Parade, the Ladies Ornament Exchange, the Christmas Party and Last Tuesday's but also to special gatherings like an Oktoberfest and a Neighborhood Family Block Party.

Everything that we can do together whether it is being on a committee, on the Board, supporting one another in a time of need, and socializing together, can only make us a stronger community. A stronger, more tightly knit community adds value to our lives, value to our neighborhood, and value to our investment in our homes because everybody wants to live in Norman Rockwell's neighborhood.

The key phrase to remember is that "This is not a dress rehearsal, this is the real thing". This is our community, these are our homes, these are our neighbors... get to know them, make sure you are there to support them, and do not hesitate to join a committee for the good of the neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors; they can become life long friends. It is an honor to be your neighbor,
*Your Board
of Directors*

"Social" Statement

Our Last Tuesday social gathering has become quite a hit, with attendance reaching over twenty on a couple of occasions, including even during the monsoon season of June! By the time you read this, some of us will be relishing the good time we had at the Gaylord Glass Cactus outdoor deck way back on September 25th. Man overboard indeed!

If you haven't attended yet - never fear, there are more opportunities to do so. Come meet your neighbors, have fun, and if someone bites, then bite them back. The Last Tuesday Week signs will be out as a reminder, and you should be receiving emails with the location. (Strong HINT: We need your email address). The schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

October 30th - Duke's at 6:30PM

November 27th - Lonnegan's at 6:30PM

Two annual events are approaching. The Halloween Fire Truck parade will be a little later in the day this year, please make sure we have your email address to get the notice of time and meeting place. The Annual Women's Ornament Exchange will be hosted this year

by Susan Wilson and as all of you know, it is an event that is looked forward to by the entire neighborhood. We will also be notifying you of the Christmas party in the next few weeks. Please make sure that we have your correct email address by sending us a quick email to: Social@brookmeadows.org
Social.....out!



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Greetings to our new neighbors, the Williams!

The relocation of Wayport, Inc.'s corporate headquarters from Austin to Las Colinas was the "ticket back" to the Metroplex area for Chuck and Penney Williams. As General Counsel for Wayport, Chuck and his family lived in Austin for 10 years following a move there from Plano. He was active in scouting and was the President of Westlake Lacrosse while in the Austin area.

Penney was formerly the Executive Director of the Rape Crisis Center of Collin Co. In addition, she was very involved volunteering for their school, especially in fundraising. She currently has chosen to be a full time Mom and after settling in, intends to be active again in volunteerism and tennis in our community.

They have a Black Lab named Clay and 2 sons. Tripp is entering the 9th grade at Covenant Christian School and enjoys lacrosse and wakeboarding. Gus is in the 6th grade at Colleyville Middle School and spends leisure time playing video games, tennis, and lacrosse. Originally from Richmond, Va. and Babylon, NY respectively, Chuck and Penney "liked the look and size" of Brook Meadows and moved into 4901 Green Oaks in August. We welcome them to our neighborhood and look forward to their involvement in our neighborhood.

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Congratulations to our September yard of the month recipients Susan and Dennis Kuruc. The Kuruc family moved to Brook Meadows in 1993. Dennis has worked at AEP Industries for 33 years and is Vice-President of National Accounts. AEP is flexible package manufacturing company specializing in shrink and stretch polyethylene films. Susan is Lead Designer at Closet Factory. Their daughter, Jessica, is a freshman at Colleyville Heritage High School.

Upon completion of a beautiful, interior remodeling project, Dennis felt compelled to tackle the daunting exterior one. Wanting a change, but not knowing how to start, he pulled out most of the original shrubbery in 2005. This summer Dennis hired Mark Williams at Bloom's Landscaping and together they created the more natural landscape design Dennis was looking for. The front yard was virtually a blank slate to work with. They put in new Bermuda grass and Dennis created the beautiful accent beds around the circle drive. A prominent feature is the spiral vine obelisks that are home to two peach Crossvine plants. As the garden matures this fall, the yard will be full of varying shades of green, burgundy and pink.

Dennis' next project is the backyard where he has been pulling out the photinias that have lined the length of the fence for many years. He is currently in the planning stages, but hopes to create a backyard retreat for the family. Thanks go to the Kurucs' for helping Brook Meadows stay the beautiful neighborhood it is.

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Peach Cobbler

- 1 stick margarine 1 C flour
- 1 C sugar 1 C milk
- 2 tsp. baking powder 1 quart peaches (sweetened)

Melt margarine in baking dish in 350° oven.

In another bowl, combine sugar, flour, milk and baking powder. Pour this mixture into the melted margarine and stir. Pour the peaches (and juice) into the dough mixture. Do not stir. Bake until brown.

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