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## SOCIAL EVENTS

MAY 25

**LAST TUESDAY 6:30**

Boomer Jack's Hwy 183 & Central

SUMMER TBD

**PATIO PARTY TBD**

JUNE 29

**LAST TUESDAY 6:30**

The Red Barn on Colleyville Blvd

JULY 27

**LAST TUESDAY 6:30 TBD**

AUGUST 24

**LAST TUESDAY 6:30 TBD**

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## Many Women Risk Retirement To Fund College

*Submitted by Rich Keith*

A recent survey by Oppenheimer Funds reveals that women are highly committed to getting their kids to college and drive most households' college planning – but many take a back seat when it comes to college savings. Nearly three quarters – 74% -- of 1,099 women polled said it's very important for their children to obtain a college degree, compared with 66% of 559 men polled. However, in households that have begun planning financially for college, primary responsibility for this critical exercise most often belongs to men.

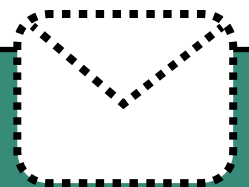
It's often true that women are keenly involved in making sure the kids are ready for higher education. But academic preparation is not enough – the financial side often is addressed too late in the game. The poll indicates about eight of 10 women agree that it's important to plan financially for retirement and college costs at the same time. But only 10% of women strongly agree that they have such plans in place.

It's important to not rob one's retirement savings to pay for college. And figures quickly show that borrowing for college costs a lot more than many people realize. The cost of borrowing really impacts the ability to save for retirement. And since women on average live longer than men, this reduced savings affects women more than men. Time is a powerful key to achieving financial security. *Source: Oppenheimer Funds 2010.*



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# Brook Meadows

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April was a quiet group as we assembled for neighborly meet at greet at the Pacific House on Colleyville Blvd. Along with each other's company, we also enjoyed plum wine and Tsingtoa beer. Catch the picture of Blinky the Brook Meadow Lighthouse and some of the attendees.

The new budget allowed the Social Committee to purchase signs for Last Tuesday. Plans are to post the signs Sunday night, before the Last Tuesday. Look for the bright yellow signs with black letters. Hope to see you all very soon.



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**Brook Meadows Statistics:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Avg. Sales Price</u>	<u>Avg. DOM</u> (days on market)	<u>Avg. Price Per sq. ft.</u>
2/2010	\$525,250	67	\$129.28
2/2009	\$446,400	145	\$120.07
2/2008	\$504,229	60	\$126.63



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## Brook Meadows Homeowners Association *Property Modification Request (PMR)*

Homeowner Information and Plans Submission to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

HOMEOWNER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE(S) HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK (CELL): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECEIVED BY ARC: \_\_\_\_\_

In compliance with the BMHA Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (the "CC&R's") and the ARC Guidelines Process and Procedures (BMHA Administrative Resolution AR006), I herein request ARC approval to make the following changes, alterations, renovations, additions and/or removals (the "request") to my property as follows:

### Proposal

- 1.) Provide sketch or plans to scale with all elevations incl. landscaping (if applicable)
- 2.) Provide description of all materials and colors

\_\_\_\_\_

Is this an amendment to a previous request? If yes, the approximate date of my previous request was: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that in accordance with the CC&R's and AR006, the ARC will act upon this request and will provide me with a written notice of the results of the ARC action. I understand and agree to the following provisions:

1. No work, or commitment of work, will be made by me until I have received written notice of approval of this request from the ARC.
2. All work will be performed by either: myself: \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes/No) or by the following named Contractor(s): \_\_\_\_\_
3. If this request is approved (within twenty-one (21) days of submittal), the work would start on or about \_\_\_\_\_, and the scheduled completion date is \_\_\_\_\_.  
All work will be performed in a workmanlike manner as scheduled minimizing negative impact to my neighbors.
4. Any work not completed more than thirty (30) days after the scheduled completion date is not approved by the BMHA, and will require an amended request for a time extension to the ARC. This amended request will not jeopardize the original approval of my project, but will only advise of a delay of the completion of my project.
5. I will be responsible for complying with, and will comply with, all applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes; regulations; and requirements in connection with this work, and I will obtain any necessary permits and approvals for the work. I understand and agree that the BMHA, its board of directors (the "Board"), agent and the ARC have no obligation or responsibility with respect to such compliance, and that the Board, or its designated ARC, approval of this request shall not be understood as the making of any representation or warranty that the plans, specifications, or work comply with any law, code, regulation, or governmental requirement. I also agree that any approval of this project by the ARC, Board, or other BMHA designee is not warranty or guarantee of any safety issues or structural integrity of the approved project.

Homeowner #1 SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner #2 SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete form, sign and forward along with all documentation to: ARC  
PO Box 492  
Colleyville, TX 76034  
or email to: [ARC@brookmeadows.org](mailto:ARC@brookmeadows.org)

### ARC Action

MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED - DENIED - INCOMPLETE

MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED - DENIED - INCOMPLETE

MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED - DENIED - INCOMPLETE

ARC Comments (indicate email contact # of committee member if request denied):

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