

Brook Meadows Messenger

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Social Calendar

Last Tuesday	June 24	6:30 PM	Chef Sage	Village of Colleyville
Last Tuesday	July 29	6:30 PM	Crazy Cowboy	Central and Harwood
Last Tuesday	Aug 26	6:30 PM	So-Cal Tacos	Hall-Johnson and 121

Graduating Seniors

Not really, just a group of BMHA members having fun at the last "Last Tuesday"!

The next Last Tuesday is June 24, so mark your calendar to join in on the fun.



Answering the Call

The two open Board positions have been filled! Stacey Brewer will fill the role of Treasurer and John Schlachter will join as Secretary.

We again thank our departing Board members Sally Wheeler and Kevin Haynes for their dedication while serving as Board members and we invite you to express your appreciation for their service next time you see them.

How to “Like” BMHA

...or finally, a good reason to join Facebook

By Richard Seals

Have you lost your dog or found a dog in the neighborhood? Do you have something that has become junk to you but might be treasure to someone else? Ever wonder what events might be going on in the neighborhood? Now there is a quick, easy and secure way to find neighborhood information. It's our own BMHA FaceBook page.

Just go to:

www.facebook.com/BrookMeadowshoa

If you don't have a Facebook account, you will be asked to “Sign Up”. Click the green “Sign Up” button to create your account. After completing the short form, Facebook will send you an email to confirm your account. (If you don't see it check your Junk email folder) Open the email and confirm your new account.

Then “Like” us and you're in!
Check out our page and stay informed.

Keeping Brook Meadows Beautiful with CCR!

(No, not the 1960s southern rock band)

Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions

Summer has arrived and we are happy that so many neighbors are enjoying outdoor activities. We would like to remind everyone that the CC&R's prohibit the parking of boats, motor homes, trailers, etc. in driveways or backyards in view from the street.

These restrictions are intended to maintain the beauty of Brook Meadows and our homeowner's value. The CC&Rs can be found on our web site: brookmeadows.org. If you have any questions please contact the Board at: brookmeadowsha@gmail.com

Friends and Neighbors - Lend Us Your Patio!



Host or Hostess needed for our annual Fall Patio Party. You may pick the date and time during September or October. Guests will bring a snack or dessert to share and BYOB of course. It would be ideal if we had a date to share with folks for the next two newsletters.

Please contact Sally Wheeler by email at: salwheeler@verizon.net
or 817-658-6197
if you would like to provide your patio this fall.

4407 Shadywood Now Home to the Fisher Family

By Jo Carol Haynes

Terry and Kelley Fisher moved here from Michigan with their three children when Terry joined the high tech conglomerate Fujitsu.

They chose Brook Meadows after researching the best school districts. They found our neighborhood to be “mid-west type friendly” with larger wooded lots and a “melding of attributes” from their homes in Arizona and Michigan.

Daughter Kennedy will be in 2nd grade at OC Taylor and is a dancer. Son Jordan will enter 4th grade, swims and plays soccer. McKenna is a 6th grader at Colleyville Middle School, loves art, ice skating and swimming. Terry is a tennis enthusiast and dreams of starting his own boutique winery while Kelley, an interior decorator, enjoys keeping physically fit. They love fishing, entertaining and keeping busy with their kids’ activities. Currently they are concentrating on updating their new home. Welcome to our neighborhood!

Wise Advice

The Colleyville Courier reported in late May that two vehicle burglaries occurred in the 2900 block of Meadowview Drive.



Please advise friends and family members not to leave valuables inside cars parked on the street. Extra

care with garages doors, windows, and entrances would be a good idea.

Welcome the Taylor Family to 4501 Shadycreek Dr.

By Jo Carol Haynes

June brought new residents Bruce and Stacey Taylor to Brook Meadows. Bruce is a pilot with American Airlines. He was transferred to DFW after 24 years in St. Louis, Missouri. He is originally from Boca Raton, Florida and Stacey hails from Cleveland, Ohio. She is a published author, who penned the novel “A Greater Good” (available on Amazon.com) which she laughingly calls “humanitarian romance fiction”. They have three adult children. Sarah, 23, has a degree in psychology and will be working toward her real estate license. Jake, 22, graduated from the Coast Guard Academy and is currently stationed in Oregon. Hudson will be a freshman at Truman State University in Missouri.

In addition to Bruce being a wizard in the workshop, they are a very active family enjoying golf, tennis, boating (both sail and motor), skiing, motor biking and if Stacey has her way, more ballroom dancing. They chose Brook Meadows for the closeness to the airport and Stacey “just HAD to own this unique home!” Stacey would like to start a book club. If interested contact her at:

stacey.1965@yahoo.com

Let's Throw Some Light on: Neighborhood Lighting.

By Tony Elkins

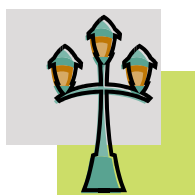


At the 2014 Annual Board meeting, the Board was authorized to proceed with planning for additional street lighting. We will meet with the City and Oncor to answer a few

outstanding questions about appearance and permissions for specific types, such as LED lights, etc.

In addition to the 7 new lights discussed at the Annual meeting, we'll also ask about placing a light at the Green Oaks entrance. That location was considered as that was part of the broader initiative to improve the entrances but we may be able to complete sooner with the lighting initiative.

Next we will solicit permission from the necessary neighbors to put additional lighting at various locations. Just to be clear, if a homeowner does not want a light in their yard, they cannot be forced to install one! Once we submit paperwork to the City they will schedule the installation. Street lighting is not an all or nothing scenario. Only approved lights will be installed. We will use coring, not trenches, to lay the wiring. Coring is a little more expensive, but it is much less obtrusive on yards, driveway and flower beds.



More Neighborhood Safety: This is a "Must Read"

By Tony Elkins

Have you ever wondered how long it takes to drive the entire length of Green Oaks from Glade to Shadywood? Well, I timed it at 30 MPH and it takes 51 seconds. Each additional 5 MPH saves a whopping 8.5 seconds! That's 85 seconds per work week.

Just imagine if you go 40 MPH, you can save 170 seconds a week - nearly 3 minutes! OK, a little tongue in check, but the point is...speeding down Green Oaks, or any other street in our neighborhood, saves hardly any time. But, it does mean you have very little time to react to a child, a jogger or a pet. To be frank, I felt a little uncomfortable going 30, and I'm not a timid driver!

OK, so who are the speeders? It runs the gamut: homeowners, kids and workers. How much are they speeding? Well, it varies from just 35 MPH to "holy cow, do they think this is a highway?" I've lived here only 2 years so I'm still enjoying the newness of this great neighborhood. Why don't you join me in slowing down to enjoy it too? While you're at it, ask your kids, their friends and workers to slow down, too.

I've had this concern for quite some time but it really hit home about 4-5 months ago. I had a great cat, Merlin. He was a sleek, jet black, beautiful street-wise cat. He got hit by a car one morning at about 7:30 AM. I had to pick him up off the road after being told by a neighbor. All to save 10 or 15 seconds.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Baby Sit</u>	<u>Pet Sit</u>	<u>Yard Work</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Hall, Grace	13	Y			817-312-9856
Norwood, Alexis		Y	Y		817-540-2522
Pappas, Allison	13	Y	Y		817-366-2522
Pappas, William	19			Y	817-366-2522
Russell, Joseph	13		Y	Y	214-534-0173
Sexton, Emma	16	Y	Y	Y	817-864-0376
					817-675-9277
Walter, Megan	13	Y			682-999-4254
Wendt, Christine	17	Y	Y		817-283-0303
Wendt, Cubby	19		Y		817-283-0303
Wheeler, Amanda	13	Y	Y		817-488-1482
					817-658-7520

The Job Seekers listing service is provided free to all Brook Meadows teenagers seeking work