

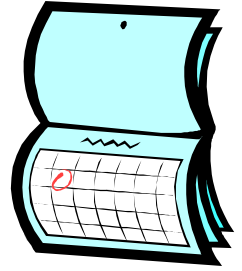
BRIAR MEADOW NEWS

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Upcoming Neighborhood Events – Mark your calendar!

Friday, April 22 3:00 p.m. Tree Planting on Legacy
Sunday, May 1st 5:30 p.m. General Meeting, Election, and
Neighborhood Crime Watch Potluck
Sunday, May 15th 4:00 p.m. Board Meeting (old & new officers)



See pages 2 & 3 for more details

A Message from the President *Michelle Bebb, BMHOA President*

We are looking forward to seeing our neighbors at the General BMHOA meeting and officer election scheduled to coincide with our Annual Crime Watch event scheduled for Sunday, May 1st. We will begin the afternoon with our meeting and election at 5:30. This will be followed by the annual crime watch event and neighborhood potluck.

To date, we have an open slate of officers for the 2005/2006 fiscal year. The majority of the current Board members have served our community for the last 5 years. We love the work that we do for our neighborhood and want our HOA to succeed. But we ~ work full time, have families, school activities, daughters and sons going off to college...have a life...just like you...and would like to be replaced. By combining the election with our annual crime watch event, our thought is to create a greater turnout and hopefully gather more neighbors to participate in the goings on in our neighborhood!

The following Board of Director positions are open for the 2005 / 2006 year:

President	Secretary
Vice President	Director-At-Large (3 positions)
Treasurer	

Serving on the Board requires no prior experience, requires minimal time, is a lot of fun, and keeps you involved with your neighbors. We can accept nominations by e-mail thebebbbs@aol.com, phone 972-618-4178, or at the meeting on May 1st.

Committee Chairperson positions are also a part of the BMHOA. We are in need of volunteers in multiple areas here as well:

Beautification - OPEN	Crime Watch ~ Raghu Ram
Membership - OPEN	Service Directory ~ Tony Perez
Newsletter - OPEN	Social ~ Meri Garrett-Perez
Neighborhood Welcome - OPEN	Webmaster ~ Robyne Marks
School News - OPEN	

In addition to the election, the one topic that will be discussed at the general meeting on May 1st at 5:30 p.m. will be a **change of our non-mandatory HOA to a mandatory HOA**. I think it would be wonderful to get enough support to change our Association to mandatory. Just think, if we have every household participate in our Association, we could decrease our dues dramatically!

In the meantime, it's time to kick-off the membership drive for next fiscal year. Last year, we offered an **"Early Bird Special"** to encourage membership, and we will do so again this year. **Pay your dues by May 31st and the cost is \$130!** June 1st dues will increase to \$140. This will be the first increase in dues since the beginning of our Association and is necessary to allow us to properly maintain our three entrances and our landscaping along Legacy Drive.

We look forward to seeing all our neighborhood residents on May 1st.

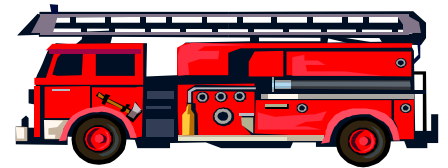
BRIAR MEADOW'S GENERAL MEETING, OFFICER ELECTION AND ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, May 1st 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Clearwater Court

Our Briar Meadow Neighborhood Celebration will include:

- § **5:30–5:45 General Meeting and Election**
 - Discuss making BMHOA membership mandatory
 - Elect officers for 2005/2006 fiscal year
- § **Crime Watch Updates**
- § **Fire Truck and Police Squad Car**
- § **Pot Luck Dinner / Meet Your Neighbors**



Hot dogs, chips, beverages, tables/chairs and paper goods will be provided.
BYOB if desired.

Please bring a side dish to share if you'd like.

Suggestions include:

Appetizers (finger foods, fruit, chips) - families whose street address ends in 0-2

Desserts (cakes, cookies) - families whose street address ends in 3-6

Side Dishes (vegetables, casseroles, salads) - families whose street address ends in 7-9

RSVPs are welcome and appreciated but not required.

To RSVP or to volunteer to assist with the event, please contact Michelle Bebb at 972-618-4178 or thebebbs@aol.com.

We hope to see you there! Please join us whether you can stay for the entire evening or are just able to drop by!!

Open to all neighborhood residents!

2005-2006 BMHOA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE KICKOFF

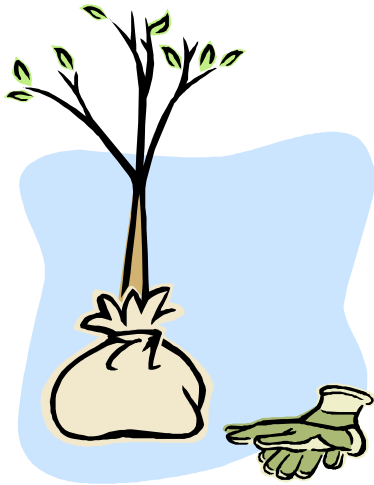


2005-2006 dues are increasing to \$140
Join by May 31st and pay last year's rate
of \$130!

Watch your mailbox in early May for your membership application

BRIAR MEADOW TREE PLANTING ON LEGACY

Friday, April 22nd 3:00 p.m.



**Legacy Drive between Rochelle and Ridgemoor
(where the pear trees are missing!)**

All Are Invited!

Contact Linda Chang at 972-618-2523 for more information.

Thanks to the efforts of multiple individuals, we will soon be planting four new trees along Legacy Drive! We have watched slowly over the past few years as one after another the Bradford Pear trees in one section along Legacy Drive have died with only one sickly one remaining. During this same time, the BMHOA has been working to raise additional funds through garage sales and service directory advertisements to help fund special projects. Several neighbors also made supplemental monetary contributions to the BMHOA including the Brown's on Bow Creek, the Twitty's on Clearwater, the Dyson's on Nash, the Allen's on Skyline, and the Parks on Sunflower.

During November, 2004, Teresa Dyson prepared our application for the Keep Plano Beautiful (KPB) matching grant. Funded by voluntary contributions to KPB, this program was developed by the City of Plano to help HOAs encourage and motivate their members to work together to beautify and improve the community. We were notified this past February that our project had been accepted!

On Friday, April 22nd, the owner of Treeland, Bob Piaschyk, will be here with his crew to remove the last dying pear tree and to plant four new Chinese Pistachios. A special thanks to Bob for removing the dying tree free of charge and for providing the HOA a 10% discount off his already guaranteed lowest prices. See www.tree-land.com or contact Bob at 972-569-7655 for more information regarding his services.

Yard of the Quarter Award

The Beautification Committee is delighted to announce the winner of the Yard of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2005:

**Dawne & Michael Sullivan
3801 Clearwater Court**

For their efforts in maintaining their yard, they will be presented with a \$50 Gift Certificate to Calloway's Nursery and the Briar Meadow Yard of the Quarter sign for their yard.

The next winner will be chosen in July 2005, so now is the time to start sprucing up your yard. You must be a current member of the Briar Meadow Homeowner Association to be eligible for this award. To recommend a member for next quarter's award, please contact John Domin at 972-491-5818 or domintexas@aol.com.

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Benny and Nancy Sandler

Thank you for providing the BMHOA mailbox!

BMHOA Financial Summary

As of 4/06/2005

Dawn Dodd, Treasurer

Balance Forward 6/30/04	\$1,390
Fiscal Year 2004-2005	
Memberships	12,600
Advertising	300
Add'l Contributions	230
Total 2004-2005 Income	13,130
Less: Expenses To Date (10 months)	<12,590>
Current Bank Balance	\$1,930
<u>Remaining 2004-2005 Expenses</u>	
May – June (projected)	\$2,189
Estimated Shortfall in Operating Account	<\$259>
Social Account Balance	\$1,077

Crimewatch Update

Raghu Ram, Crime Watch Coordinator

Below are a few reminders to guard against burglaries :

- Keep windows and doors closed and locked at all times
- Keep your cars in the garage and keep the garage door FULLY closed at all times. Some residents keep a small opening in the bottom to help with the heat - but the cost of a burglary is significantly higher.
- If any cars are required to be kept outside, ensure that all valuables, including any keys, garage door openers etc., are kept secured, locked, and out of sight.
- Install perimeter flood lighting around the house. A well lit house is a deterrent for burglaries.
- Finally, if you notice ANYTHING suspicious, call 911 ... do not hesitate whatsoever.

To receive periodic Crimewatch alerts by email, send your request to raghu75@hotmail.com or contact Raghu at 972-208-0077. Please also contact Raghu if you report an incident to the police.

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*** Briar Meadow references available! ***

Real Estate Update

Meri Garrett-Perez KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY PLANO

ACTIVE Properties

Address	List Price(\$)
3608 Lowrey Way	For lease
7005 Ridgemoor Lane	279,900
7317 Ridgemoor Lane	229,900
3825 Skyline Drive	224,900
3801 Stoneway Drive	249,990
3813 Stoneway Drive	255,900
3808 Sunflower Lane (pending)	255,000

High \$279,900 Low \$224,900

SOLD Properties (in prior 2 months)

3820 Lowrey Way
3700 Nash Lane

Average sale price/sq foot \$78.61

Listings as of April 17, 2005. For questions, contact Meri at 214-773-8395 or Meri@MeriSellsTexas.com.

Are You OK ? Program

The "Are You Okay?" program is a computerized system, designed to give Senior Citizens, Disabled Citizens or anyone with a short-term or long-term illness a greater feeling of security; by providing them with a daily telephone call, at absolutely no charge! Call 972-941-7933 or email melissatu@plano.gov for more information.

BMHOA Board of Directors

2004-2005

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	John Pitlik	972-618-3813
	Raghu Ram	972-208-0077

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