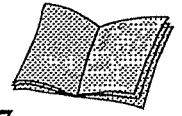


BRIAR MEADOW NEWS



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Michelle Bebb, BMHOA President

Happy Spring and "Welcome" to our new residents. This newsletter is published on a quarterly basis and our goal is to keep everyone informed on current activities, upcoming events, and items of note that affect our neighborhood.

The mission of our Briar Meadow Homeowner Association is to help our residents to be safe and informed, as well as to keep our property values high. We hope that you will join us in ensuring Briar Meadow is one of the best neighborhoods in Plano. If you haven't had the opportunity to do so yet, please access our website at www.briarmeadowplano.com to learn more about this association, our dedicated board members, and the wonderful neighborhood in which you now reside.

It has been my pleasure during the past months to meet many of you, especially since a close relationship strengthens our ties and our commitment to maintaining this neighborhood in top shape. Our diversity is a great asset, making us richer as a community and on an individual basis.

A note regarding involvement ~ We are a volunteer group, composed of your neighbors who decided years ago to form an association for the *primary* purpose of maintaining the common areas; Legacy entrances and Coit entrance. All membership dues go towards that purpose. Although we do sponsor events, such as the Halloween Gathering and Crimewatch picnic, as well as this Newsletter and our Directory, we do our best to fund those activities through advertisements or donations from local businesses. Per our bylaws, at least 90% of dues must be spent on maintenance.

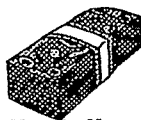
And speaking of involvement ~ we are looking forward to seeing our neighbors at the General BMHOA meeting and officer elections, which coincide with our Annual Crime Watch Event scheduled for Friday, May 18th. We will begin the evening with our meeting and elections at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Annual Crime Watch Event and neighborhood potluck. The Plano Police and Fire Departments will be represented on site from 6:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

We currently have openings for officers for the 2007/2008 fiscal year. The majority of the current Board has served our neighborhood for a few years. We love the work that we do for our neighborhood and want the BMHOA to succeed. Please consider running for an office or volunteering for a committee. Serving on the Board requires no prior experience, minimal time, is a lot of fun, and keeps you involved with your neighbors. We can accept nominations by e-mail at thebebbbs@aol.com or by phone at 972-618-4178.

Next month we will begin the **2007/2008 Membership Drive**. We have over 100 homeowners who are steady members of BMHOA, and we thank you for your continued support! We encourage all of you to consider joining the Briar Meadow Homeowner Association, which allows us to properly maintain our three entrances and our landscaping along Legacy Drive.

We look forward to seeing all our neighborhood residents on May 18th!

BMHOA Treasurer's Report



I am pleased to report that the BMHOA will enter its next fiscal year on solid financial ground. The cost-cutting measures taken last year reduced our expenses to a more manageable level. Furthermore, we are \$1,000 under the reduced budget year-to-date due primarily to lower than expected water bills. The operating account balance is \$6,448. Anticipating remaining expenses for the fiscal year to be about \$2,500, an operating account balance of approximately \$4,000 will be carried into the next fiscal year. Additionally, the current activities account balance is \$2,402. (Revenues other than membership dues, such as garage sale proceeds and service directory advertising proceeds, are deposited into the activities account; the activities account funds the service directory and other special projects.)

During the past two years, the BMHOA has recovered from a tenuous financial position to a more manageable and comfortable position by reducing operating expenses and eliminating improvements. We are now in position to consider those enhancements and improvements that continue to add beauty and value to our neighborhood.



Once again, I thank you for your support, both financially and volunteer-wise, of our Homeowner's Association, and ask for your continued commitment.



Respectfully,
Lloyd Sartor, BMHOA Treasurer



YOUR CURRENT 2006~07 BMHOA BOARD

President.....*Michelle Bebb*
Vice President.....*Teresa Dyson*
Treasurer.....*Lloyd Sartor*
Secretary.....*Krissy Sartor*
Membership.....*Kathy Keith*
Beautification.....*John Domin*
Crime Watch.....*Diana Elias*
Education.....*Dora Potluri*
Welcoming.....*OPEN*

Past President.....*Tony Perez*
Director-At-Large.....*Dawn Dodd*
Director-At-Large.....*Anand Sane*
Director-At-Large.....*Meri Garrett-Perez*
Webmaster.....*Robyne Marks*
Newsletter.....*Linda Domin*
Social.....*OPEN*
Directory.....*OPEN*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

BRIAR MEADOW HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL

GENERAL MEETING, ELECTIONS
NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

AND

POTLUCK DINNER

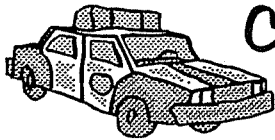


FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2007 ~ 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

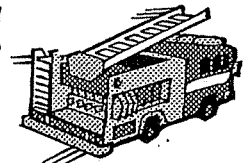
CLEARWATER COURT



Come meet and greet your neighbors!



FEATURING:



Officer Tammy Snider, Plano Police Department

Plano Fire Department Truck

{scheduled for 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm ~

unless called to an emergency}



The 2007/08 Membership Drive begins in May.

If your dues are paid by May 18, 2007, you will be entered
in a drawing for "Dinner For Two" at an area restaurant!

Listed below is the prospective 2007-08 BOA Board and Committees. There are several openings that need to be filled, so please consider running for an office or volunteering for a committee -- no prior experience required, minimal time, keeps you involved, and lots of fun!

2007~08 BMHOA BOARD

President.....*Michelle Bebb*

Vice President....*OPEN*

Treasurer.....*OPEN*

Secretary.....*Krissy Sartor*

Membership..... *June Roden*

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Crime Watch.....*Diana Elias*

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Director-At-Large.....*Robyne Marks*

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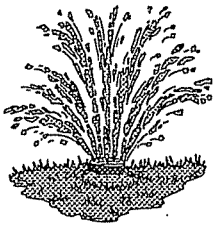
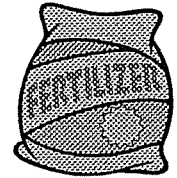
Directory.....*June Roden*

Past President.....*Tony Perez*

LANDSCAPING TIPS for Spring/Summer

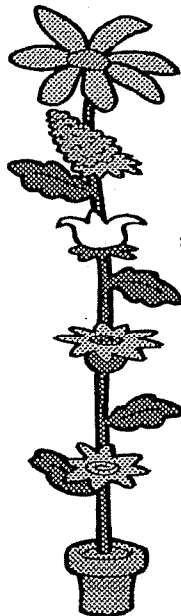
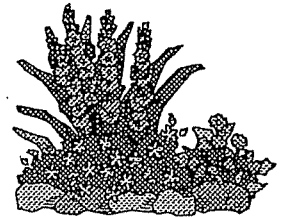
John Domin, Chairman, Beautification Committee

Weed Control - As the Bermuda and St. Augustine lawns start to emerge from winter dormancy, they will have to contend with weeds that have taken root in your lawn over the winter months. There are several "Weed & Feed" fertilizers on the market, so choose the one that is best for your lawn. Keep in mind that some fertilizers, like Scott's Bonus S, are made for specific lawn types, so be sure to read the labels carefully before purchasing. If you have a problem with crabgrass, it can be treated with "MSMA." This product will not kill your Bermuda grass; but if you have St. Augustine, use it only for spot treating crabgrass as it will kill the St. Augustine.



Watering Your Yard - Remember to follow the watering restrictions outlined by the City of Plano (see **IMPORTANT WATERING INFORMATION UPDATE on page 8**). In light of this, you may want to reconsider your normal planting routine. Drought-resistant shrubs are always a good choice, and there are several to choose from. Mexican Heather is a flowering shrub that is very heat tolerant and blooms all summer with minimal watering. There are many books on Texas plants that will give you plenty of ideas, and you can always consult with a certified plant specialist at Calloways or the Home Depot Landscape Store. If you do your homework, you can still have some colorful plants in your flower beds.

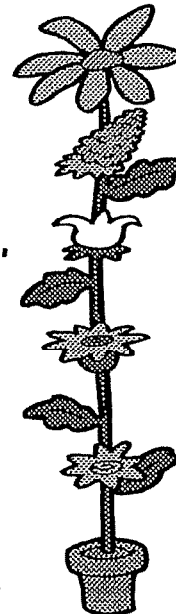
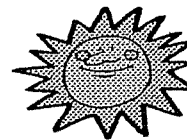
Mulch - If you haven't done so already, an extra layer of mulch on your flower beds would also be a good idea. As a Plano resident, you can pick up the mulch from our local recycling facility very cheaply. The mulch will act as an insulating layer for your bushes, as well as help to retain moisture in the soil next to your house to help prevent foundation damage.



YARD of the QUARTER
Second Quarter 2007
Milo and Dorothy Mattorano
7213 Ridgemoor

For their efforts in maintaining their yard,
Milo and Dorothy will receive
a \$50 Gift Certificate to Calloway's Nursery,
and the BMHOA Yard of the Quarter sign
for their yard.

The next winner will be chosen in April 2007,
so start sprucing up your yard!
You must be a current member
of the BMHOA
to be eligible for this award.



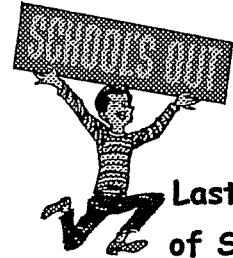
MAY / JUNE / JULY CALENDAR



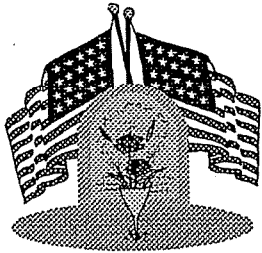
Cinco de Mayo
May 5



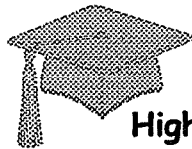
Mother's Day
May 13



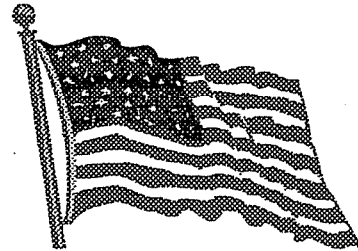
Last Day of School
May 24



Memorial Day
May 28



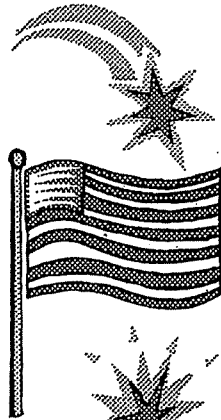
High School Graduation
May 29



Flag Day
June 14



Father's Day
June 17

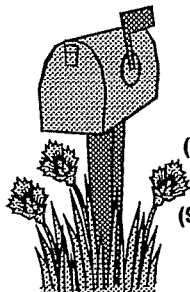


Independence Day
July 4



First Day of Summer
June 21

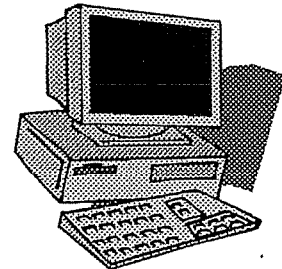
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(972) 758-1144 Fax: (972) 758-1244
Ben and Nancy Sandler

Thank you for providing the BMHOA mailbox!

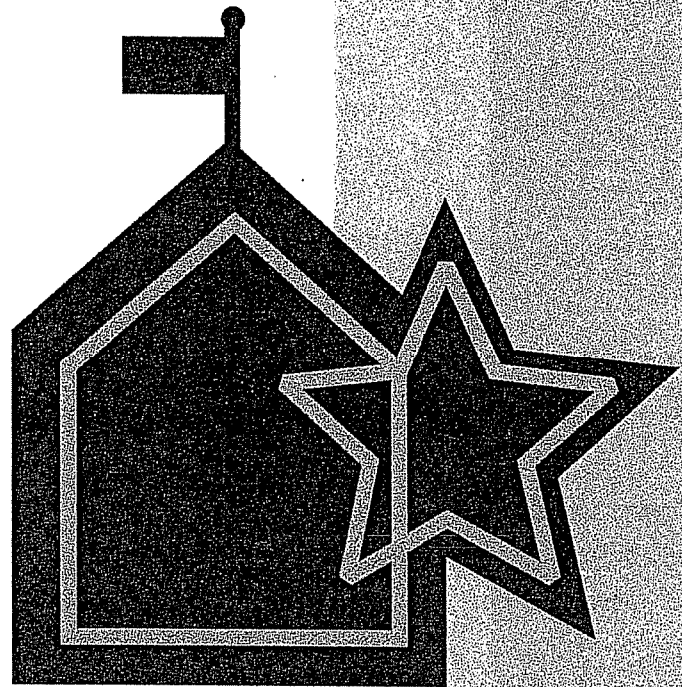


Visit the BMHOA website at
www.briar Meadowplano.com

VACATION SAFETY SCHOOL

Have fun learning safety skills from the Plano Police and other guest presenters. Vacation Safety School includes:

- Personal Safety
- McGruff House
- Gun Safety
- Fingerprinting
- Police Cars
- Bicycle Rodeo
- Fire Station Visit
- 911 Practice Calls
- Basic First Aid
- DART Rider Safety
- And More!!!



VACATION SAFETY SCHOOL

VACATION SAFETY SCHOOL IS FOR CHILDREN AGES 6-9 WHO LIVE IN PLANO.

There is no cost and space is limited.
Call **972-941-2431** for application information.

CLASS PREFERENCE will be given to children who have not previously attended.

Schedule:

CLASS 1 - June 4 - 8, 2007
CLASS 2 - June 11 - 15, 2007
CLASS 3 - June 18 - 22, 2007
CLASS 4 - June 25 - 29, 2007

LOCATION:

Classes meet at:
Plano Police Department
7501A Independence Pkwy.
Plano, TX

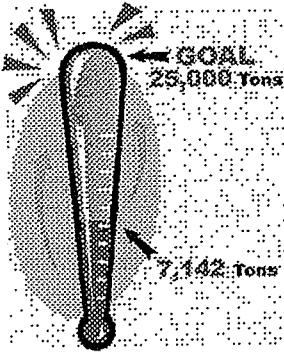
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon



Transportation is to be arranged by the parent.



Save Money and Meet the Challenge!



Pay as you throw . . . households that generate a smaller amount of trash may request a 68-gallon refuse card and pay \$2.60/month less for trash service, an annual savings of \$31.20. (A 95-gallon cart is \$13.85/month; a 68-gallon cart is \$11.25/month)

Many families use a smaller trash cart if they recycle more! Fill up the recycle cart with acceptable items, including newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office paper, small cardboard boxes, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, glass jars and bottles, aluminum cans metal cans, chipboard (cereal and cracker boxes), and telephone books. Additionally, to encourage more recycling, the City of Plano will deliver a second recycle cart for no additional monthly charge.

Glenna Brown, Recycling Education Coordinator, announced that the City of Plano's Sustainability and Environmental Services Department has issued a Recycling Challenge for 2007 to recycle 25,000 tons by September 30, 2007. "Through the end of February, we are 18% below where we need to be in order to meet this goal," Ms. Brown said. "Neighborhood associations can have a positive impact on recycling by encouraging everyone in the association to recycle as much as they can for the good of the environment and to save money." To see how much your neighborhood is recycling compared to other areas in the City, visit www.livengreeninplano.com/recycling. Put all recyclables together in your recycle cart (green with black lid). If you still have a divider in your recycle cart, make more room for more recyclables by calling Customer Service at 972-769-4150 for FREE divider removal. For more information about Plano's recycling program, e-mail glennab@plano.gov or call 972-769-4228.

~~ REAL ESTATE UPDATE ~~



Status	Address	Sq. Ft.	BR	Bath	Garage	Pool	Price
Active	3824 Lowrey Way	2,319	4	2 / 0	2	N	\$225,000
Active	3801 Sunflower Lane	3,621	4	4 / 1	2	N	\$253,900
Active	3825 Nash Lane	2,993	4	3 / 1	2	N	\$257,900
Active	3733 Lowrey Way	3,207	4	3 / 0	2	N	\$289,000
Active	3725 Lowrey Way	3,739	5	4 / 0	2	N	\$295,000
Active	3916 Sunflower Lane	3,509	4	3 / 1	2	N	\$299,000
Active	7305 Alandale Drive	3,207	4	3 / 0	2	N	\$299,900
Active	3820 Clearwater Court	3,835	4	4 / 0	2	N	\$319,900
Active	3813 Bhow Creek	3,369	4	3 / 1	2	Y	\$329,900



Status	Address	Sq. Ft.	BR	Bath	Garage	Pool
SOLD	7109 Ridgemoor Lane	2,384	4	2 / 0	2	N
SOLD	7009 Ridgemoor Lane	2,566	4	2 / 1	2	N
SOLD	3800 Stoneway Drive	3,684	4	3 / 1	2	N
SOLD	7417 Ridgemoor Lane	3,725	4	3 / 0	2	N
SOLD	3809 Lowrey Way	3,541	4	3 / 10	3	Y
SOLD	3725 Stoneway Drive	3,547	4	3 / 1	3	Y

DOES YOUR AGENT REALLY REPRESENT YOU?

Looking for a house?
Driving through the neighborhood ...
calling the agents on the signs?
Is this how you lookd for a house?

If so, you've just called the agent who works for the Seller – NOT YOU! To ensure your best interests are met, always know who is representing YOU! The agent on the sign represents the Seller - - you need a Buyer's agent. If you want to sell your house, call an agent familiar with your area to SELL your house. They can also help you purchase a house; then you're properly represented.

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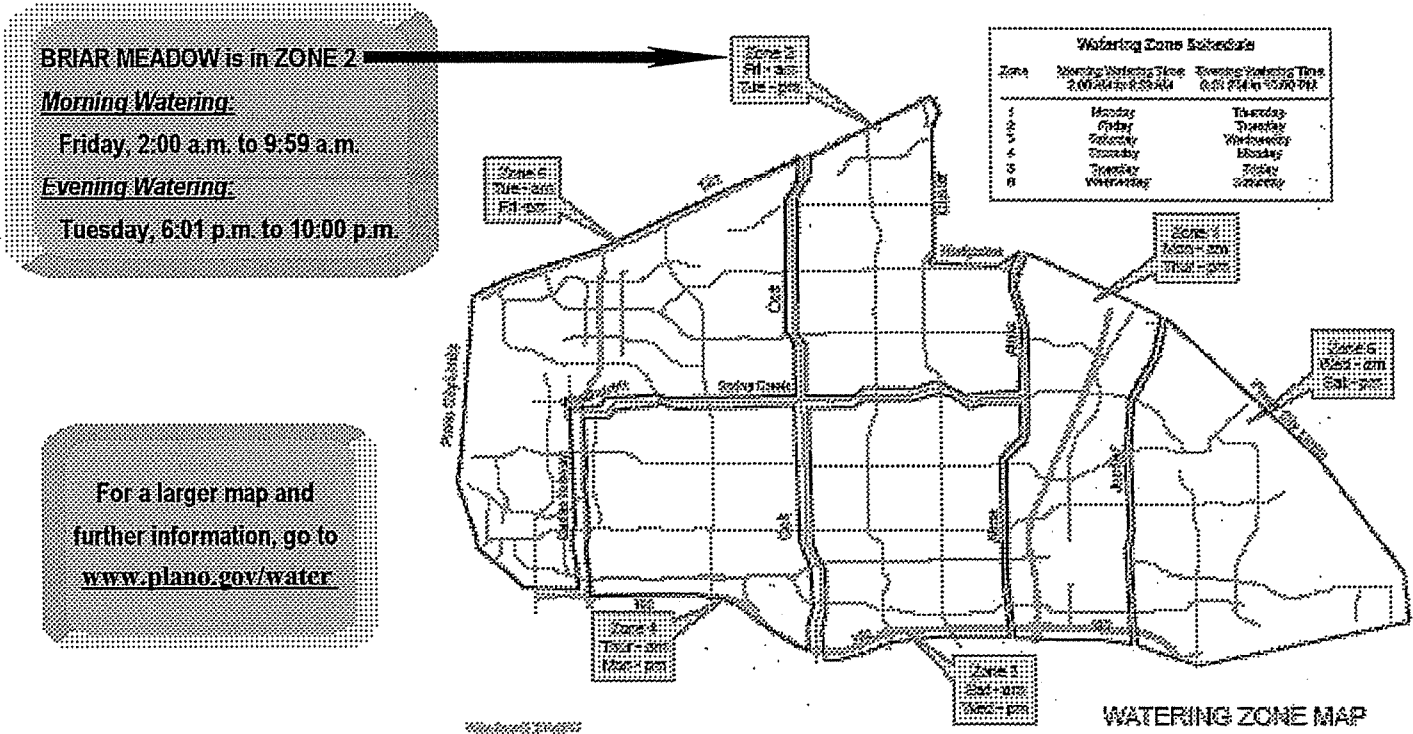


From Lorrie Reeves, City of Plano, Water Education Coordinator

The Plano City Council passed an amendment to the drought contingency plan on Tuesday, March 20, 2007. Major changes include Stage 3 watering zones and authorized watering times. The new Stage 3 water use restrictions are **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**; however, full enforcement of the new watering times will not begin until May 7, 2007. This will allow time for a letter to be mailed to all water customers outlining the new changes. This delay in enforcement also allows time for water users to make the necessary changes to their irrigation systems. Monitoring crews will continue to enforce the prohibited hours:

Landscape irrigation by sprinkler system is **EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED** between the hours of:

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. All Day Sunday



MEMBERSHIP ~ 2006/07

Below are the current members of the BMHOA for fiscal year 2006~07. Many thanks to all of our members for their commitment to the BMHOA, whose participation ensures the continued maintenance of the entrances and common grounds in our neighborhood!

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| 7301 Alandale | 3825 Lowrey | 7209 Ridgemoor | 3709 Skyline | 3820 Stoneway |
| 7321 Alandale | 3704 Nash | 7213 Ridgemoor | 3800 Skyline | 3828 Stoneway |
| 3804 Bow Creek | 3708 Nash | 7217 Ridgemoor | 3801 Skyline | 3832 Stoneway |
| 3805 Bow Creek | 3720 Nash | 7301 Ridgemoor | 3812 Skyline | 3800 Sunflower |
| 3808 Bow Creek | 3725 Nash | 7305 Ridgemoor | 3816 Skyline | 3808 Sunflower |
| 3809 Bow Creek | 3800 Nash | 7321 Ridgemoor | 3820 Skyline | 3812 Sunflower |
| 3816 Bow Creek | 3801 Nash | 7020 Rochelle | 3821 Skyline | 3901 Sunflower |
| 3801 Clearwater | 3804 Nash | 7100 Rochelle | 3824 Skyline | 3909 Sunflower |
| 3813 Clearwater | 3805 Nash | 7104 Rochelle | 3825 Skyline | 3916 Sunflower |
| 3601 Lowrey | 3809 Nash | 7108 Rochelle | 3828 Skyline | 3920 Sunflower |
| 3609 Lowrey | 3813 Nash | 7112 Rochelle | 3829 Skyline | 3921 Sunflower |
| 3620 Lowrey | 3816 Nash | 3800 Sagewood | 3832 Skyline | 3924 Sunflower |
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