



BRIAR MEADOW NEWS



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Michelle Bebb, BMHOA President

Happy New Year to all residents of Briar Meadow! The BMHOA Board sends a big **THANK YOU** to all the neighbors who have paid their BMHOA dues. We currently have 98 members. If you have not paid your dues, it is not too late! Membership is down slightly from last year, so every membership counts! We continue to have expenses for maintaining our three entrances, and your BMHOA dues pay those bills!

We are in the process of updating our 2011 Neighborhood/Service Directory. We will be using the information from the membership forms sent in with your dues. If any information has changed, please notify us using the form on the following page. Also, if you have a home improvement/repair referral you would like to share with your neighbors, please submit the contact name and phone number. Lastly, if you would like your child listed as a neighborhood babysitter, that information can be included in the directory as well. Send or email all information by February 7, 2011, to June Roden (see form for details). You can also advertise in the Service Directory; to place an ad, please contact Michelle Bebb (972.618.4178). Advertising prices are listed on Page 7 of this Newsletter.

Please take the time to read your neighborhood Newsletter. It is a great way to learn what is going on in your neighborhood, understand how your dues are being spent, and become educated and informed on a variety of topics. You may also visit our website ~ www.briarmeadowplano.com ~ where there are always updates on the Briar Meadow community, together with links for the City of Plano.

Be sure to read which beautiful home in our lovely neighborhood was awarded the Yard of the Quarter by our Beautification Committee!

Elections for the 2011/2012 BMHOA will be held in mid-May. Please give some serious thought to becoming involved in your BMHOA ~ serving on the Board requires no prior experience, takes minimal time, is lots of fun, and keeps you involved with your neighbors.

This is a great community filled with many wonderful people. Spring will soon be here, and many of you will be outside working in your yards or walking along the street. Stop for a moment, introduce yourself, and get to know more of your neighbors. Briar Meadow consists of an excellent mix of many interesting people!

Best Wishes for a prosperous 2011!

BRIAR MEADOW ONLINE!



Your \$145 Membership dues can be paid electronically using PayPal or a major Credit Card!

Browse to <http://www.briar Meadowplano.com/paypal.htm> ~ or simply click the "Pay Dues" tab at the top of the home page on our website.

When you pay your dues electronically, you can also complete the online form with your preferences for inclusion in the BMHOA Neighborhood Directory. It is completely private; the information you provide will not be shared with any third parties.

BMHOA Treasurer's Report

As of and for the Month ended December 31, 2010

<u>Account Balances</u>	<u>12/31/2010</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
Operating Acct	\$ 5,022	Landscape Maintenance	\$ 4,804
Paypal	\$ 438	Membership	\$ 71
Total Account Balance:	\$ 5,460	Newsletter	\$ 225
		Service Fees	\$ 122
		Electricity	\$ 732
		Water	\$ 2,429
		Other	\$ 33
		Total Expenses	\$ 8,416
		Net Income / (Expense)	5,174
<u>Income</u>			
Additional Contributions	\$ 95		
Dues Income	\$ 13,195		
Garage Sale	\$ 300		
Total Income	\$ 13,590		

Steve Patten
BMHOA Treasurer



NEIGHBORHOOD / SERVICE DIRECTORY

MY PERSONAL INFORMATION HAS CHANGED TO:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

HOME IMPROVEMENT/REPAIR REFERRAL:

Business Name: _____
Business Phone: _____

LIST MY CHILD AS A BABYSITTER:

Babysitter's Name: _____
Babysitter's Age: _____
Babysitter's Phone: _____

Mail Form to: June Roden ~ 3709 Skyline ~ 972-208-2758
E-Mail Information to: june_rdn@yahoo.com

BMHOA 2010/11 BOARD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President.....*Michelle Bebb*
 Vice President.....*Mike Bebb*
 Treasurer.....*Steve Patten*
 Secretary.....*Dawne Sullivan*
 Director At Large..... *John Pitlik*
 Director At Large.....*Kevin Lucia*
 Director At Large.....*Tracy Wickstrom*
 Past President.....*Michelle Bebb*

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Membership.....*June Roden*
 Beautification.....*Kathy Heggland*
 Crime Watch.....*Brad Moore*
 Newsletter.....*Linda Domin*
 Welcome.....*Donna Croft*
 Social.....*Tracy Patten*
 Service Directory....*OPEN*
 Webmaster.....*Robyne Marks*

Many thanks to all Briar Meadow neighbors who donated toys for the Holiday Toy Drive! We helped to brighten Christmas for many children in need!



Tracey Patten
Social Committee Chair

Partners Against Child Abuse



REAL ESTATE UPDATE



Address	Sq. Ft.	Bedrooms	Bath	Garage	Pool	Built	Price	Status
3816 Lowrey	2388	4	2	2	N	1997	12/17/10	Sold
3724 Nash Lane	3119	5	3	2	N	1997	\$289,500	Active
7104 Ridgemoor	3031	4	2.5	3	N	1997	\$268,900	Active
7205 Ridgemoor	2694	5	3	2	N	1996	10/22/10	Sold
7317 Ridgemoor	2456	4	2.5	2	N	1996	\$225,000	Active
3828 Stoneway	3189	4	2.5	2	Y	1995	\$299,000	Pending
3812 Sunflower	3291	4	3	3	Y	1993	\$319,500	Active
3932 Sunflower	3551	4	2.5	2	N	1994	10/29/10	Sold



Scouting For Food



During the first two weeks of February, the Boy Scouts of America will conduct their annual "Scouting For Food" food drive, which benefits all North Texas food banks. Bright colored plastic bags will be provided in order to collect canned goods and other non-perishables (no glass please).

Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops will either leave the bags at your front door the first Saturday, to be picked up the following Saturday, or the Scouts themselves will go door-to-door to request donations.

So keep your eyes out for local Scouts handing out "Scouting For Food" bags and give generously!

BRIAR MEADOW BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

QUARTERLY UPDATE

Kathy Heggland, Beautification Chairperson

Many thanks to Teresa Dyson, Tracy Wickstrom and Mike Bebb for hanging the Holiday decorations at all three entrances, and thank you to Rob Dyson who removed the decorations. Discussions are in the works for possibly purchasing new decorations for next year.

This time of year, most homeowners' lawns are dormant and brown (except for those who planted winter rye grass). Unfortunately, this past fall we didn't have much rain, and many sprinkler systems are still on. If you are running your sprinklers this winter and it doesn't have a freeze sensor, or if you don't turn off your sprinkler during freeze alerts, then you run the risk of creating dangerous icing conditions, which may affect the safety of you and your neighbors. For this reason, the City of Plano prohibits the icing of streets and sidewalks, and each occurrence is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 per day! For more information please visit: <http://planoonline.com/plano-news/water-freeze-alert>.

If you are interested in helping the Beautification Committee or have suggestions, contact Kathy or Dave Heggland at Heggland@wt.net. We appreciate all of our HOA members who help maintain the beauty of our entrances by paying their dues. If you have not joined, please do so to keep our neighborhood looking nice.



BMHOA
YARD of the QUARTER
Sponsored by Calloway's Nursery
First Quarter 2011
ROBERT and TERESA DYSON
3824 Nash Lane
For their efforts
in maintaining their yard,
Robert & Teresa 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 2011,
so start sprucing up your yard!
You must be a current member of the BMHOA
to be eligible for this award.

Good Neighbor Coupon



\$50 off "That's a nifty savings!"
a purchase of \$25 or more
CALLOWAY'S NURSERY **CORNELIUS NURSERY**
One coupon per customer. Coupon cannot be duplicated. Redeem for merchandise only. No cash value. Must be presented at time of purchase. Not good with other offers, or toward previous purchases. Offer good through December 31, 2011.

Timely Tips for February Gardeners

~ presented by Calloways Nursery

This year remember your Valentine with fresh, living flowers. Potted roses can be planted and enjoyed year round in the garden or give a container of cool season color for an immediate impact on your porch or patio. Houseplants in attractive ceramic pots provide long lasting enjoyment for indoors. Gloves, tools and wind chimes all make great gifts. The list is endless, let your imagination "grow green"!

This month is still timely for planting trees, shrubs, ground covers, vines and perennials. Transplant existing landscape plants before the new Spring growth begins. Divide and transplant crowded Summer and Fall-blooming perennials such as daisies, mums, cannas and salvias. It's time to get back into the garden and prepare for Spring!

Also, please join us for **FREE** in-store clinics on timely gardening topics. These clinics are held in every store.

Saturday, February 5, at 10:15 am-Small Trees for Urban Landscapes-Add the beauty of a tree in tight outdoor spaces.

Saturday, February 12, at 10:15 am-Creative Container Flowers-Give your Valentine a collection of unique flowers that last and last!

Saturday, February 19, at 10:15 am-Spring Green in Your Lawn- Be the envy of your neighbors. Learn what it takes to have a beautiful, healthy lawn.

Saturday, February 26, at 10:15 am-Perennials-An Old Friend-Enjoy lasting gardens that come back every year.

For more gardening information for Texas, visit www.mytexasgarden.com.

CRIME WATCH UPDATE



First of all, we had a great meeting on January 12, 2011, with Officer Mark Dawson of the Plano Police Crime Prevention Unit. He talked about how to make your home more secure against break-ins. The point is to make it difficult, time-consuming, and noisy to break into your house. This will hopefully frustrate the burglars and make them go elsewhere.

Officer Dawson also informed us that the burglars who were breaking bedroom windows and taking jewelry and gold have been caught! The arrest was the result of alert citizens calling 911 to report suspicious persons in the neighborhood.

If you would like to find out more about how to protect your home, your person, and your identity from crooks, Officer Dawson will present a three-part series in February at the Liberty Rec Center located at 2601 Glencliff Drive (south of 15th Street, between Independence and Custer). The first seminar is the first Tuesday in February. Call the Rec Center (972.769.4234) for further details and to register for the seminars.

Barbara and I have attended these seminars in the past, and they are very informative. Send me an email (bmoorehome@earthlink.net) if you would like more information.

Bradley Moore
Crime Watch Committee Chair

PLANO POLICE INTRODUCE THE "TAKE ME HOME" PROGRAM

Plano
POLICE
DEPARTMENT



On January 10, 2011, the Plano Police Department will implement a new program called the "Take Me Home" program. This program is a free service available to any City of Plano resident and allows for the rapid identification and safe return of citizens who are unable to adequately communicate vital information -- such as their name and address -- to law enforcement officers.

Families or individuals will be able to complete a form (available online via the Police Department's web site) that provides the individual's height, weight and other identifying information, as well as emergency contact information. A digital photograph, taken at the time of enrollment, will also be required. This information is entered in a database that can be quickly accessed by Police Officers while on patrol or at the police station.

When Officers find someone who is unable to speak or properly identify themselves, they can search the database by description and quickly return the person to their loved ones. The system can also work in reverse: if a loved one goes missing, their picture and description are immediately available.

There is no charge to the Police Department for the program, and there is no enrollment fee for citizens. The "Take Me Home" program is voluntary for citizens who participate, and all information is kept confidential.

For more information about the "Take Me Home" program, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972.971.4231, or at TakeMeHome@plano.gov.

CALENDAR of HOLIDAYS/EVENTS/SPECIAL OCCASIONS

FEBRUARY

GROUNDHOG DAY



February 2



Valentine's Day
February 14



Presidents Day
February 14

MARCH



March 2



Mardi Gras
March 8



Ash Wednesday
March 9



Daylight Savings Begins
March 13



SPRING BREAK
March 14 thru 18

St. Patrick's Day

March 17



1st Day of Spring
March 20

APRIL



April Fool's Day
April 1



Income Tax Day
April 15

Palm Sunday

April 17

Passover

April 19



Earth Day
April 22



Good Friday
April 22

Easter

April 24



Administrative Professionals Day
April 27

~ ~ ~ **ATTENTION PET OWNERS!** ~ ~ ~
SCOOP THE POOP!



It is **UNACCEPTABLE** and **INCONSIDERATE** to allow your pet to poop on neighborhood property, AND it is **UNLAWFUL** per City of Plano Ordinances! So let's responsible pet owners and pick up after your pooch!

MOST IMPORTANTLY, BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS!

IN EVERY ISSUE



~~ADVERTISING COSTS~~

Newsletter (quarterly):

Business Card - \$35 // Half Page Ad - \$50

Full Page Ad or Insert - \$100

Service Directory (yearly):

Business Name/Phone Listing - \$50

Business Card - \$75



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Ben and Nancy Sandler



Thank you for providing the BMHOA mailbox!



PLEASE PARK ALL CARS AT A DISTANCE FROM MAILBOXES SO THE MAIL TRUCK CAN PULL UP TO THE MAILBOX.

THE CARRIER DOES NOT HAVE TO DELIVER THE MAIL IF THE MAILBOX IS OBSTRUCTED!



The BMHOA Book Group has scheduled its first meeting!
 When this went to press, we had not yet chosen our first selection,
 so we will update you in the next Newsletter.



There is still time to join - - if interested, contact Tracey Patten at
 Tracey.patten@yahoo.com, subject line: BMHOA Book Group.

Tracey Patten
 Social Committee Chair



2010 ~ 2011 MEMBERSHIP

7301 Alandale	3801 Lowrey	3821 Nash	3821 Sagewood	3709 Stoneway
7305 Alandale	3809 Lowrey	3824 Nash	3704 Skyline	3717 Stoneway
3804 Bow Creek	3812 Lowrey	3825 Nash	3705 Skyline	3725 Stoneway
3805 Bow Creek	3817 Lowrey	3828 Nash	3708 Skyline	3809 Stoneway
3808 Bow Creek	3821 Lowrey	3829 Nash	3709 Skyline	3820 Stoneway
3809 Bow Creek	3824 Lowrey	7105 Ridgemoor	3713 Skyline	3800 Sunflower
3813 Bow Creek	3825 Lowrey	7109 Ridgemoor	3800 Skyline	3808 Sunflower
3816 Bow Creek	3704 Nash	7117 Ridgemoor	3801 Skyline	3901 Sunflower
3801 Clearwater	3708 Nash	7209 Ridgemoor	3808 Skyline	3913 Sunflower
3813 Clearwater	3712 Nash	7213 Ridgemoor	3813 Skyline	3916 Sunflower
3816 Clearwater	3720 Nash	7217 Ridgemoor	3816 Skyline	3924 Sunflower
3820 Clearwater	3725 Nash	7305 Ridgemoor	3820 Skyline	3925 Sunflower
3601 Lowrey	3800 Nash	7313 Ridgemoor	3825 Skyline	3928 Sunflower
3605 Lowrey	3801 Nash	7321 Ridgemoor	3828 Skyline	3929 Sunflower
3609 Lowrey	3805 Nash	7016 Rochelle	3829 Skyline	3937 Sunflower
3620 Lowrey	3809 Nash	7020 Rochelle	3832 Skyline	3949 Sunflower
3624 Lowrey	3813 Nash	7112 Rochelle	3700 Stoneway	3952 Sunflower
3708 Lowrey	3816 Nash	3800 Sagewood	3704 Stoneway	3956 Sunflower
3709 Lowrey	3817 Nash	3801 Sagewood	3705 Stoneway	
3729 Lowrey	3820 Nash	3804 Sagewood	3708 Stoneway	

<i>BMHOA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP ~ 2010 - 2011 ~ \$145.00</i>		Include in Neighborhood Directory?
Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Street Address:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Phone:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Email:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please inform me via email of crime watch bulletins and other BMHOA activities.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there someone at home who wants to be listed in the directory		Briar Meadow HOA PMB 128 2220 Coit Road, Suite 480 Plano, TX 75075 www.briar Meadowplano.com
... as a dog walker? Name: _____		
... as a babysitter? Name: _____		
Amount Enclosed: \$ _____	Check # _____	