

BRIAR MEADOW NEWS

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A Message from the President

Our fiscal year closed on June 30th, and I want to extend a big THANK YOU to the board and committee members for an outstanding year full of accomplishments. I have listed a few of them below. There was a considerable amount of effort expended to serve our community and make it a great place to live. Our membership was its lowest yet, but we are hopeful that this year we will have more members join which is essential for keeping our entrances beautiful!

- **Social:** We had a great Crime Watch party in May and our Halloween gathering was a hit!
- **Annual Crime Watch Party and regular communications regarding city crime.** Many thanks to Raghu Ram who continues to keep Plano & Briar Meadow aware of each other.
- **Newsletters** on a quarterly basis. Many thanks to Linda Chang for creating this wonderful newsletter for us all to read.
- **Membership Drive:** Allowed us to obtain a membership of 92 homes for 2003/2004. Many thanks to John Pitlik for his continued support of our Association.
- **Membership & Service Directory:** Many thanks to Sally Kammer for her diligence in assembling this special booklet.
- **Beautification:** Continued maintenance at Ridgemoor, Rochelle and Sunflower entrances. A very special thanks to John Domin and Kevin Lucia who have been on this committee for the past few years and who handled a few problems that popped up this year. Our entrances have never looked more beautiful!

Thank you to those who attended our Annual General Meeting and Elections on May 4. Please join me in welcoming the **2004-2005 Board and Committee Chairs:**

President:	Michelle Bebb	Beautification:	John Domin
Vice-President:	Michael Bebb	Webmaster:	Robyne Marks
Treasurer:	Dawn Dodd	Newsletter Editor:	Linda Chang
Secretary:	Sally Kammer	Welcoming Co-Chairs:	Sally Kammer & Dawn Dodd
Director at Large:	Kevin Lucia	Social Chair:	OPEN
Director at Large & Membership:	John Pitlik	Membership Directory:	OPEN
Director at Large & Crimewatch:	Raghu Ram	School News:	OPEN

There are still committee openings. If you are interested in organizing social activities, preparing the annual Membership Directory or soliciting advertisers, or could write an article about PISD news for our newsletter, we would like to hear from you. In addition, Block Captains are needed for Crime Watch and newsletter distribution, and additional committee members are needed for all committees. Please contact Michelle Bebb at thebebbs@aol.com or 972-618-4178 for additional information. You are also welcome to attend the next **Board Meeting on Sunday, August 15, at 4:00** at 3828 Nash Lane.

I also wanted to let you know what happened to the **dead pear tree on Legacy**. During one of the storms in June, lightning hit the tree which caused it to fall over. The tree has been removed. Talk about divine intervention! You may have also noticed a **hole in our brick wall** along Legacy close to Ridgemoor. There was a car accident in May, and one of the cars crossed over the medium and ran into the brick wall. The wall was repaired in early July at the expense of the responsible party involved in the accident.

We are off to a good start regarding our **membership drive** this year. The signs have been taken down until August when we will begin the last phase of our drive. If you have not yet joined, you may do using the application on page four.

Please come out and get involved with your wonderful neighborhood!

Michelle Bebb and Michael Bebb
BMHOA President and BMHOA Vice President



New BMHOA web site!
<http://briar Meadowplano.com>

Be sure to check out the new website! Please provide any feedback to Robyne at robyne@gumleaf.us.

It's Back to School Time!

Skaggs Elementary "Meet the Teachers"

Kindergarten - Tuesday 8/3 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

1st – 5th - Tuesday 8/3 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

1st day of School – Wednesday 8/4

Skaggs Elementary Parent Information Meetings (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

Kindergarten Thursday 8/5

1st grade Monday 8/9

2nd grade Monday 8/9

3rd grade Tuesday 8/10

4th grade Tuesday 8/10

5th grade Wednesday 8/11

Rice Middle School Open House

Thursday 8/12 7:00 p.m.

Girl Scout Recruitment Night – Skaggs

Tuesday 8/24 7:00 p.m.

Susan Parker sparker@bizjournals.com

Boy Scout Recruitment Night - Skaggs

Thursday 8/26 7:00 p.m.

Chuck Pattie jonidate@yahoo.com

For ongoing information regarding the Plano Independent School district, you can sign up for email news at "elist.pisd.edu" or visit their web site at www.pisd.edu.



School starts
Wednesday,
August 4th

Remember to slow
down at the school
zones!

20 mph

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 2004:

Lewis & Cindi Rigdon
3901 Sunflower Lane

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 October, 2004, so now is the time to start planning your fall color. 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.

Plano City Council Neighborhood Roundtable

Thursday, August 19, 2004

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Vines High School
1401 Highedge Drive

THANK YOU to our advertiser for covering the cost of publication:

Sam Cohn 972-458-8853
Quick Brick – concrete painting

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Insert or full page	\$100
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For articles or advertising, please contact Linda Chang, Editor, at 972-618-2523 or linda.chang@verizon.net. The next newsletter will be published in October, 2004.

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Benny and Nancy Sandler

Thank you for providing the BMHOA mailbox!

Crimewatch Update

Raghu Ram, Crimewatch Coordinator

Close Those Garage Doors

Summer time is here, and statistically this is the time of year when garage burglaries tend to shoot up. Please close your garage doors at all times!

Prepare For Vacation Time

During the summer months, many of us travel. Be sure to ask someone to keep an eye on your home while you're away. It is important to ensure that newspapers, flyers, etc. are not stacking up and that it appears that someone is at home. A neighbor's house on Lowrey Way was recently vandalized while they were away. Let's all keep an eye out on our neighbors' homes.

Receive Crimewatch Alerts

If you would like to get periodic crime watch alerts by email, send your request to rraghu75@hotmail.com.

Call 911

Do not hesitate to call 911 if you notice any suspicious activity in the neighborhood. The Plano Police want to hear from you!

Real Estate News*

Meri Garrett-Perez, Real Estate Consultant

The following homes are for sale in Briar Meadow:

3601 Lowrey Way	3800 Stoneway Dr
3613 Lowrey Way	3816 Stoneway Dr
3809 Lowrey Way	3801 Sunflower Ln
3832 Lowrey Way	3917 Sunflower Ln (option period)
3725 Nash Lane (pending)	3929 Sunflower Ln (option period)
3809 Skyline Dr (pending)	3949 Sunflower Ln (by owner)
3825 Skyline Dr	

The average list price per square foot is \$82.09 with \$299,500 as the highest list price and \$215,000 as the lowest list price.

The following homes are for sale in other subdivisions in the area:

Windford Ridge has 2 homes for sale at an average list price of \$184,700. Heatherwood has 7 homes for sale with an average list price of \$146,714. Wembley Ct has 3 homes for sale with an average list price of \$237,433. Parkdale has 3 homes for sale with an average list price of \$174,933.

The following Briar Meadow properties sold in the last six months:

3808 Bow Creek	7312 Ridgemoor Ln
3801 Clearwater Ct	3921 Sunflower Ln
3821 Lowrey Way	3941 Sunflower Ln
3808 Nash Ln	3945 Sunflower Ln

The average selling price per square foot was approximately \$77.89. Average sales price was \$259,411. Seller contributions can affect the selling price shown in the MLS vs. the amount the seller actually nets. For example, if you sell your house for \$270,000 but pay \$3000 toward the buyer's closing costs and give another \$2000 for carpet allowance, the MLS will still show that your house sold for \$270,000. But in reality, you only sold it for \$265,000. This example is just one way the SOLD price can be affected and thus the average sales price per square foot can be misleading.

If you have any questions about this information, feel free to contact me at 214-773-8395 or mgarrettperetz@kw.com.

**Information gleaned from the MLS and assumed accurate as of July 31, 2004.*

Stars and Stripes and ...Stolen?

First of all, thanks to all my wonderful neighbors who either e-mailed, called or stopped by to thank me for the flags again this year! Wow, what a response! You guys are what make this neighborhood so fun to live in. I am glad you enjoyed your gift!

My family and I love putting out the flags every year. (ok, maybe my boys don't LOVE it) But hey, I feel like Santa or the Easter Bunny! My friend on Ridgemoor said she was trying to stay up and wait to see if she could "catch" us putting the flags out again this year. ☺ And a little boy who was walking with his flag (and mommy) now refers to me as "the flag lady".

Why do we do it? It's simple. My dad was in WWII in the Pacific Theater and is a big MacArthur fan. I grew up hearing stories about Bob Hope, Eleanor Roosevelt, the pet monkey my dad had in Australia, and how he hated leaving his ailing father. And who doesn't know someone who never came back from Vietnam? My cousin lost her husband in Vietnam. He never got to meet his new baby girl and she now only has pictures and medals to remember him. Our next-door neighbor was MIA for years. I taught with a guy who came back from Vietnam paralyzed but happy to be home. Also, my husband Tony was in Vietnam **and** Desert Storm. So we assemble the flags, count them out, bundle them back up and put them out late at night to surprise you "at the dawns early light". And while we *are* extremely patriotic, you have to admit that it also makes the neighborhood look VERY SPIFFY!

But I need to clarify something...I did NOT come back to your home and take your flag OUT of your yard. That would be some other person. Yep, an odious flag-napper. Why? Who would have anything to gain from removing your flag from your yard? And why just certain yards on certain streets? And why this year?

The flags are my gift to you, my neighbor. Let me just say that my family and I will continue with our yearly tradition of placing flags in our neighbors' yards, for as long as we live here. After all, that's what neighbors are for!

Meri Garrett-Perez, the "flag lady"

It's the Law!

Owners must clean up and properly dispose of waste left by their animals. You could be fined.

Garage sale permits must be obtained from the City of Plano prior to holding a sale. You can apply for a permit at www.plano.gov/garagesales/default.aspx. Or you can contact the City of Plano Building Inspections at 972-941-7140 for more information

Membership Drive Update

John Pitlik, Membership Chair

I would like to give a big **THANKS** to all current members and to those members who have been with us over the years. Your commitment to the Association has helped maintain and greatly improve our three entrances and to keep the Association alive. We hope the non-members will join in.

2004/2005 BMHOA Membership

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74 members

Only 30% of 243 households –please join today!

To join the Association, please submit the form below with your check of \$130.00 made payable to “Briar Meadow Homeowner Association.” For questions on membership, please contact John Pitlik at jjwpitlik@verizon.net or 972-618-3813. You may also contact any board member. Checks can be mailed to the following address or dropped off at any board member’s home.

BMHOA Annual Membership 2004-2005		<i>Include this information in the Neighborhood Directory?</i>	
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
E-mail address:		<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Members in Household: Adults Children		Briar Meadow Homeowner Association PMB 128 2200 Coit Road, Suite 480 Plano, TX 75075	
Volunteering Interests or Comments:			
Amount Enclosed: _____ Check # _____			