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BROOK MEADOWS HOLIDAY EVENTS

ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

The Lady's Ornament Exchange, will be hosted by Leslie Napier, 4614 Shadywood Lane. The ornament Exchange is a neighborhood favorite. Ladies bring a wrapped ornament \$15-\$20 value, bring \$10 for beverage plus either an hors d'oeuvres or dessert. Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 9, 6:30 pm.

RSVP ldnapiers@aol.com

NEIGHBORHOOD HOLIDAY PARTY

Feeling Festive? Then why not celebrate with your Brook Meadow neighbors. Join the fun, hosted by Carol Crosby, 4808 Green Oaks. Saturday, December 18th, 7 pm - 10 pm

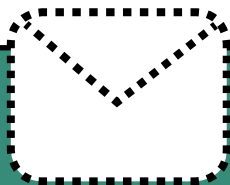
RSVP to carol.crosby@verizon.net

BYOB plus either an appetizer or dessert.

HOLIDAY YARD DECORATIONS

Time to pull out the boxes of tinsel, lights and greenery and spruce up your yard for the BMHA yard decoration contest. Last year we had some pretty spectacular displays and we can't wait to see what you all come up with this year! Judging will be Sunday night December 12th.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER - LAST TUESDAY

on Holiday for the Holidays

DECEMBER 18 - HOLIDAY PARTY -

SATURDAY - 7 PM

Carol Crosby Hostess 4808 Green Oaks -
BYOB plus appetizer or dessert

DECEMBER 9 - LADIES ORNAMENT EXCHANGE - THURSDAY - 6:30 PM

Leslie Napier's - 4614 Shadywood Ln -
RSVP ldnapiers@aol.com -

bring appetizer or dessert and \$10 for wine

DECEMBER 11 - PIRZCHALSKI HOLIDAY TRAIN OPEN HOUSE - SAT 1 PM - 5 PM

4832 Lakeside Dr, In the spirit of the holidays, please
consider bringing an unwrapped child's gift as a
donation to G.R.A.C.E.

DECEMBER - LAST TUESDAY

on Holiday for the Holidays

JANUARY 26 - LAST TUESDAY

Cork It - 909 S Main St., Ste 110.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thursday, Nov. 25

Brook Meadows

ASSOCIATION INFO

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*Our thanks to Barbara Francis and Paul Plummer
for their service to Brook Meadows
Please say hello to your two new board members
Carol Crosby and Mic Deakin*

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to Celebrate?*

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2. Go to www.brookmeadows.org home page and fill out the "E-MAIL ADDRESS - CLICK HERE" link.

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Last Tuesday

The BMHA neighborhood Last Tuesday crew shared happy hour at JR's Grill to check out the new place and hopes that this restaurant is a success at this location on Hwy 121, just north of Glade. Weather was perfect and all there agreed that October's Last Tuesday should be outside too.

Come one, come all, the more the merrier at this monthly event. Come for happy hour or stay for dinner, this really is a very casual event with no RSVP required. Just show up, say hello and enjoy the company of your neighbors. Hope to see you when we start up again in January 2011! We will be at Cork It! This hip wine bar at 909 S Main St., Ste 110, has a unique tasting operation. In addition to ordering wine by the glass or bottle, you can also buy a pre-paid "Cork It!" card and then use it to taste over 100 wines displayed on a shelf service wall. Word to the wise, these self serve pours are automated and you select 1 oz, 3 oz or 6 oz for any of the wines and they are all priced by the oz. So, it doesn't seem like much at all, either by price or volume, but if you are busy talking and laughing while you taste, it can really add up fast. So our recommendation, taste just a few this way and then order a glass of the one you like from the waitress!

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**The 13th annual
Pirzchalski Holiday Open House
Saturday, December 11th
1:00 to 5:00 pm
4832 Lakeside Drive**


**Colleyville, Texas 76034 Brook Meadows
See the MDAK HO Model Railroad in ACTION!**

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The MDAK RR is 67' x 27' & is designed for children of all ages! Walk the perimeter and find monkeys, cats, dogs and various animals & people. Listen to the sounds of cattle, pigs, sheep & chickens. See & hear big steam locomotives as they strain to climb mountain grades!


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Cookies & Drinks provided
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In the spirit of the Christmas season, this is our neighborhood charitable event for GRACE. Please bring a child's unwrapped toy if possible. There is no obligation! Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those less fortunate.

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Suggested toy items:



Arts & Craft Sets, Board Games, Building Blocks, Card Games, Hand Held Video Games, Jewelry Making Sets, Lego's, Play Dough, Puzzles, Silly Putty, Slinky, Tinker Toys, Trucks or Cars, Yo-yo's.



We wish each of you a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

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Retiring Right

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Wealth alone is no guarantee of a secure retirement. It's time to start thinking about what you'll need.

Even if you are doing well, plentiful assets and a good income are probably not enough to get rid of your worries about retirement—at least not according to new studies of high net worth investors. Thousands of affluent boomers and Gen Xers studied by Wharton and State Street Global Advisors expressed fears about outlasting their money. You may be worried about preserving your standard of living in the face of market downturns, inflation and health care costs during a retirement that may last 30 years. In fact, 57% of those surveyed cited rising health care costs as their number-one concern. And if you're in the younger half of those surveyed, a lack of traditional pensions and Social Security and Medicare safety nets is probably also on your mind.

Experts agree that wealth alone is no guarantee of retirement security; saving too little “runs up and down the income scale and wealth scale,” says Olivia S. Mitchell, an insurance and risk-management professor at Wharton. Comfortable living inevitably translates to spending. Though the wealthy save, Mitchell explained in the Wharton study, “people with high earnings also spend a lot” to keep the lifestyle they enjoy going.

Reasons for concern

Your retirement isn't likely to be the same as it would have been 50 years ago. The old adage was that you needed 80% of your current income when you retire—but nearly half of the 1,800 millionaires surveyed by the 2007 Phoenix Wealth Survey said they will need more than 100%. You may even be thinking of working indefinitely, at least part-time, in order to stay engaged and support a comfortable lifestyle. Also, your life expectancy has increased, even from just a generation ago. Determining your retirement goals is a complex process—one that means taking the time to figure out what it is you really want now and down the road.

The plan

Worried as you may be, you may not have begun planning. 59% of high net worth investors have no formal written plan for their retirement goals—but a retirement analysis can help. We can run this analysis to assess your financial situation, your potential annual retirement income, your savings and investments and your tax situation.

Then, it's time to analyze your retirement goals. Once you know what you want, we can determine ways to help you get there, whether that involves altering your investment strategy, changing the amounts you contribute or something else entirely. The retirement analysis will provide you with a full report, including savings recommendations and sources for retirement income.

Talk to your Financial Advisor about how a retirement analysis might benefit you.

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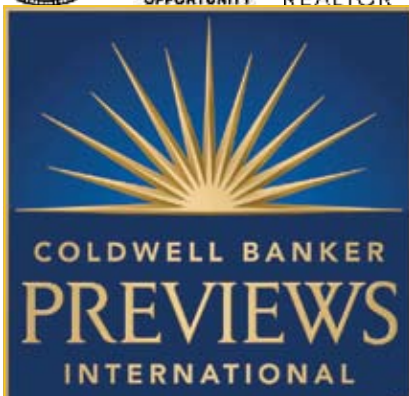
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Welcome New Neighbors

Greg and Laurie Money, along with the youngest two of their 6 children, have moved into 2803 Shenandoah Place. They relocated from just around the corner at The Hills of Central Park off Cheek-Sparger. Greg is co-owner of PI Solutions, a company that investigates insurance fraud. Laurie works part-time with PI Solutions and is on the board of O.C.Taylor's PTA as the Arts & Education chair. They both grew up in Dallas. Abigale is in the 9th grade at CHHS and Audrey is in the 3rd grade at O.C.Taylor. They consider themselves a family of "performers" and are very musical. Each member either sings, dances, plays an instrument or is active in the theater. Abigale sings with the Grapevine Opry and Audrey is a member of the Pat Riddle Competition Dance team. Although they enjoy travel, gardening, and updating the house, their main focus is on their large family, which keeps them joyfully going full speed. Welcome!

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