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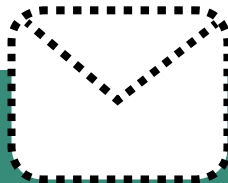
SOCIAL NEWS at BHMA

Here we go again! I thought it might be fun to talk about the ideas that have not made the A list for social activities as yet, whether the reasons be (1) too much work, (2) too much interaction to succeed, or (3) the idea simply stinks. But first, let's review both the purpose of our activities as well as the current ones on the calendar. The Social Committee plans activities to bring together our neighbors in an environment where we can get to know each other, to become friends, in an effort to build a sense of community, and we do so by offering activities across a range of interests. For those fifty or sixty of us that regularly participate, we know that it works. The annual calendar includes a Spring Patio Party, a Fall Party, Christmas Party, Women's Ornament Exchange, Halloween Parade, Garage Sales, and our monthly Last Tuesdays.

We did a couple of Cool Car-B-Q's (Sunday afternoon, your cool car, casual lunch), which worked to a degree and are still of interest to some for further development. We did a Brahmas game one night - cheap seats! But others that remain in the "R and D Lab" include a golf tournament or regular couples golf outing (concern over required responses), Golfing Pool (tried it, no response), BBQ cook-off with teams (effort, location, response), Show Us Your Backyard Saturday (I like this one; response is an issue), Backyard Movie Night (we're close on this one), Rangers Game (tried it, no response) and Quarterly Sunday Brunch. Notice a theme? Yes, we have great difficulty getting a response on things. And frankly, an event need not be complicated to achieve our mission objectives.

So, as we plod on, we will continue to noodle additional ideas, with an eye on balancing the potential response, effort, and collective good given our objectives. Ideas are welcome...even if they stink!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 22 - LAST
TUESDAY - 6:30 PM**

Café Italia #2 - Hwy 26 - 2647
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**MARCH 29 - LAST
TUESDAY - 6:30 PM**

Mac's on Hwy 121 just north of
Glade Road

**APRIL 26 - LAST
TUESDAY - 6:30 PM - TBD**

**APRIL TBD - GARAGE
SALE**

We will host if 5 or more email
that they want/need a sale

**APRIL TBD - SPRING
PATIO PARTY - TBD**

PJ Reardon has volunteered to
host

*Happy
Valentines
Day!*

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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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ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD OF DIRECTORS SLATE

It is that time of year, when we all ask ourselves, "How can I make a positive contribution to making Brook Meadows a better place to live. You do right?!? Well now there is an easy answer, two easy answers for that matter.

- 1- Attend the annual meeting Monday April 18th @ 7:00 PM, Colleyville Community Center.

Last year's meeting lasted less than an hour! We do need a quorum in attendance to conduct the meeting, so please if you can't make it, fill out the below Proxy and send it with a neighbor who is attending, or email Directors@BrookMeadows.org stating that you assign your Proxy to the Board.

- 2- Throw your hat in the ring and run for one of the 3 open Board positions at the meeting.

The board meets 6-8 times a year, including the Annual Meeting. Other responsibilities are divided up among the 5 board members, plus the wonderful volunteers for the committees. So your total commitment is about 2 hours a month. Please contact a board member if you are interested or curious. Directors@BrookMeadows.org

BROOK MEADOW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION PROXY ELECTION

If you will be unable to attend, the Board is allowed to accept your proxy to vote for you, or you can give your proxy to anyone BMHA member in good standing you wish to vote for you.

If you wish to give your household proxy, you will need to submit it in writing. You may use this form, and give it to a Board member or you may give it to the person you wish to vote your wishes at the meeting.

To whom it may Concern:

I understand that the 2010 Annual Meeting of the membership of Brook Meadows Homeowners Association, Inc will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday April 19, 2010 at the Colleyville Community Center. I will be unable to attend but wish to allocate my proxy to the following named person, or persons:

- Please allow the following individual to vote my wishes in all matters of the Association at the above mentioned Annual Meeting: _____
- I wish to grant my proxy to vote my wishes in all matters of Association business conducted at the above mentioned Annual Meeting to: The current Board of Directors.
- I wish to grant my proxy to vote my wishes at the above mentioned Annual Meeting to: _____ only with the following special instructions or limitations: _____

I freely grant to the above individual(s) the full right to vote my interests as they wish according to any instructions or limitations indicated above. This proxy will cover only business relating to the Brook Meadows Homeowners Association, Inc. Annual Meeting and will expire upon the close of the meeting.

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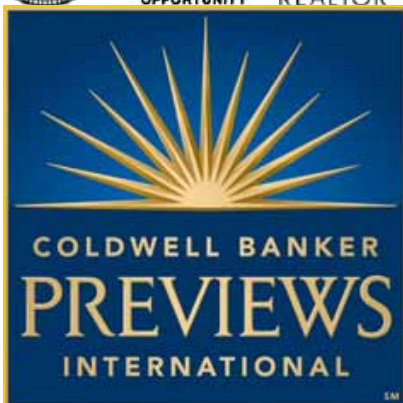
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Crime Prevention

Our neighborhood has been hit again, this time a smash and grab on a parked vehicle in the middle of the night. The Board is discussing forming a Crime Watch within BMHA. It will take volunteers to make it work. Please send an email to directors@brookmeadows.org if you would like to be a volunteer. Check out prevention tips below. updated 4/10/2007 1:19:16 AM ET

An estimated 1.2 million cars are stolen in the United States every year. Below are some tips on preventing theft or carjacking.

To prevent your car from being stolen:

- 1. To keep your car from being stolen, install an alarm system.
- 2. You can also use a security device like a steering wheel lock or a gear shift column lock.
- 3. Keep your car in a garage and lock the

garage door.

- 4. If possible, always try to park in a well-lighted spot
- 5. It's also a good idea never to leave valuables inside in plain sight. If you have to leave personal property in your car, leave it in the trunk.
- 6. Keep your registration card in your wallet instead of your glove compartment. Often when thieves are pulled over or confronted by police, they can produce license and registration.
- 7. Use paint or an indelible marker to put the vehicle identification number (VIN) under the engine hood and trunk lid and on the battery. This number is usually found on the dashboard on the driver's side of the car.

To minimize the danger of being carjacked:

- 1. If confronted by a carjacker, do not resist. Think of saving your life first. Only then, think of your car and what's in it.
- 2. Beware of the "bump and rob" techniques. If another car bumps your car, stay inside with the windows shut and the door locked and drive to the nearest police or fire station.
- 3. Don't stop at isolated pay phones, cash machines or newspaper machines where you could become a carjacking victim.
- 4. Stay alert to people lurking near or moving toward your parked car.
- 5. Always keep the windows of your car shut and doors locked, whether you're in or out of your car.
- 6. Park only in well-lighted areas.

—Sources: NBC Security Consultant Bill Stanton, Insurance Information Institute, Geico.com

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Night Walking Safety Rules

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You will need to be more defensive in your walking at night than in the day, although caution is always needed as cars often do not look for you or expect you to be there.

- 1. Use sidewalks and off-road paths : Separate yourself as much as possible from traffic by seeking out lighted paths and sidewalks.
- 2. Walk facing traffic: When you cannot avoid walking on the side of the road, always walk on the side of oncoming traffic so you can see and react to any vehicle . Do not walk with your back to overtaking traffic.
- 3. Extra caution crossing streets: Traffic does not expect pedestrians to be out walking at night. Even when crossing with a crossing light, assume that the cars who may be turning across your path do not see you.
- 4. Safety in numbers: Use the same routes used by other walkers and runners. Drivers are more used to seeing them there.
- 5. Don't get tripped: Tripping hazards are worse after dark. Uneven sidewalks, roots and rocks on trails, potholes and trash on the side of streets and roads - all can lead to a slip or fall. Walk with your eyes noting the ground 15 feet ahead to see upcoming hazards.
- 6. Blinded by the light: As we age we lose our ability to see well in the dark and recovering after having headlights shine in your eyes. Choose a path where you won't have frequent changes in the lighting level. Do not look straight into oncoming headlights.

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