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Calendar of Events

**MAY - JUNE TBD -
SPRING PATIO
PARTY 7:30PM**

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Host! You Pick The
Day, We Will Get The
Word Out. Contact
Shelley.haaker@staples.
com Or 214-215-2936

**MAY 31 - LAST
TUESDAY
6:30 PM**

Flips on the south side
of Hwy 121
just west of Main St.

**JUNE 28 - LAST
TUESDAY
6:30 PM**

Glass Cactus @ They
Gaylord Texan

**JULY 26 - LAST
TUESDAY
6:30 PM**

JR's Grill on Hwy 121,
just north of Glade

Monday, May 30th

MEMORIAL DAY



City of Colleyville

Door To Door Solicitation Ordinance

Good afternoon to all,

In the 2010 citizen survey, door-to-door solicitation was listed as the top concern of Colleyville citizens. In response, the city has adopted a strict solicitation ordinance aimed at keeping citizens safe, protecting their privacy, and creating an outlet for complaints.

The new ordinance includes heightened permit requirements, requiring more information from those who apply. Applicants will also undergo a criminal background check, and permits will be denied to those with a felony and some applicable misdemeanors. Religious groups, charities, and political campaigns are exempt from permitting requirements.

Soliciting will only be permitted between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Sundays and federal holidays are excluded. Citizens who do not wish to be contacted by solicitors should post a "No Solicitation" sign that meets the city's requirements near the main entrance of their home. Signs must be not less than 3 inches by 4 inches in size, with letters not less than 2/3 of an inch in height. Violators can now be reported to police or online at Colleyville.com. Punishment can range from permit revocation to a Class C misdemeanor charge and a fine not to exceed \$500 per incident.

New regulations for itinerant vendors, such as ice cream trucks, include a required permit, sound restrictions, a 30-minute limit to remain in a single location, and vehicle safety and insurance requirements. Other additions to the ordinance include:

- Solicitors and distributors may only approach the front doors of homes.
- Unsolicited pamphlets, brochures, flyers, packages and printed advertisements must be left secured and no further than five feet from the front door.
- Children less than 16 years old must be within 1,000 feet of their own home or actively supervised and within 100 feet of a person who is at least 18 years old.
- Applicants less than 16 years old must provide a copy of the parental consent form.
- Solicitors must have a copy of their permit in their possession and visible during all solicitation activities.

If you have any questions regarding this information, you may contact Toni Oyler, Program Coordinator at 817-503-1241 or toylert@colleyville.com.

Thank you, Amy Shelley

Community Development Coordinator

City of Colleyville

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Brook Meadows

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Please visit our website often: www.BrookMeadows.org

2010 - 2011 Board of Directors

President - Ricky Stephenson 817-545-2367
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Treasurer - Kevin Haynes 817-545-4579
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Newsletter Editor
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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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CLASSIFIED ADS

Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Brook Meadows residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail erc.editor@yahoo.com

Business classifieds (offering a service or product line for profit) are \$50, limit 40 words, please contact Peel, Inc. Sales Office @ 512-263-9181 or advertising@PEELinc.com.

NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE

NOT RECEIVING THE BMHA E-MAIL BLASTS? TRY THESE TWO STEPS.

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 Turn to the Experts

IT'S TRASH DAY!

Well not every day is Trash Pick Up Day as several of you have noticed and asked that Board remind our neighbors about keeping up the appearance of our neighborhood. It is especially helpful and important to those who have their homes on the market that Brook Meadows looks in tip top shape. So here it is a friendly reminder for those of us who have their yard work done on Friday or Saturday. To stay within City Code, you should keep trash bags, bins and any tree limbs behind your gate and wait until Sunday evening to move them to the curb.

BMHA New Board of Directors

A great big thanks to our three new Board Members for stepping up and volunteering their time and talent for the next two years. Roger Poirier, Rich Schrader and Tom Kadar, will join returning Board Members Carol Crosby and Mic Deakin. The New Board will hold a transition meeting with the outgoing Board in May and officers and positions will be determined at that time. The results and new contact information will be in the June BMHA Newsletter.

A heartfelt thanks for their service, was given to the outgoing Board Members, Ricky Stephenson, Kevin Haynes and Shelley Haaker. The Board honored Shelley Haaker for her volunteering to take on an extra year of service with a spa gift certificate, which Shelley commented that was not only greatly appreciated, but needed! The outgoing Board Members thanked their neighbors for their cooperation, volunteerism and friendship.

BMHA Budgets News

The Budget for 2011 – 2012 was presented by outgoing Treasurer Kevin Haynes and passed by the general membership. The new Budget will be posted on the BMHA website. Good news, Dues will remain at the reduced annual rate of \$275! All but 5 homeowners paid their dues in 2010 – 2011 and it is expected that this coming year will see similar payments.

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Congrats to our Graduates!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Franklin Cerasoli
Shannon Deakin
Trent Dennington
Kyle Gendron
Andrew Guzman
Laura Kelly
Jesse Kurac
Madison Montgomery
Katie Speights
Kate Weber
Tripp Williams

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Ashley Carter
Jonathan Francis
Ryan Mack
Whitney Pickett



Class of 2011

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.

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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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are stolen in the United States
EVERY YEAR.*



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Recipe of the Month

CHOCOLATE CRINKLES

- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 squares unsweetened chocolate (melted)
- 4 eggs 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups plus 2 level Tbsp. flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt

Mix oil, chocolate, & sugar. Blend in one egg at a time until well mixed. Add vanilla. Stir flour, baking powder, and salt into oil mixture. Chill several hours. Drop teaspoon of dough rolled into small balls into powdered sugar. Place 2" apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes at 350 °. Do not overbake!

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View answers online

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.



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Increasing water safety awareness and standards

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SUMMER EVER!

Drowning is a leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children ages 1-14.

May is National Water Safety Month.

NO ONE is "drownproof", but drowning is PREVENTABLE.



Join us in getting ready for a safe summer in the water!

Colin's Hope Night at Eastside Movies in the Park
Tuesday, May 3rd, Doors open at 6PM, Movie at sundown

Join us at The Expedition School Lagoon (On Lady Bird Lake in East Austin next to Fiesta Gardens) for a screening of Whale Rider. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the movie under the stars.

Colin's Hope Day at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels
Saturday, May 21st

Join us for a day to promote Water Safety and Drowning Prevention at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels! Special tickets are available from Colin's Hope. Email alissa.magrum@colinshope.org for more information.

For more info visit our website at www.colinshope.org

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