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Successful Neighborhood Social !

We did NOT let it rain on the parade! The Spring Social was hosted on May 15th. The Theme was “Bring a Chair and a Dessert to Share”. If you are interested in seeing the pictures please visit our group on Facebook! We had 68 neighbors join us for the event, many others have called and emailed since the event to let us know they could not come due the weather but look forward to the next event! Highlights from the event included:

The Dessert table was Heaven – Need I say more!

Montchanin Terrace Entrance – Chip Akin, Bob Story & Vickie McAlister plan to lead efforts to organize the repair and refurbishing of the Montchanin Terrace Entrance. As soon as dates are selected and an email will be sent out for all who wish to volunteer. In the interim, if you would like to assist with this effort, please *contact Chip at 541 0883*.

Neighborhood Garage Sale - Mary Ann Williams, Diane Luebke and Janice Dugger volunteered and coordinated the neighborhood garage sale held in June.

Block Captain - Joyce Davis volunteered to serve as block captain for the 100 block of Brandywine Drive. Joyce is a familiar face and a friend to many in the neighborhood. Joyce is one of the early residents of our neighborhood. This only leaves a couple of blocks without volunteer captains. – Thanks Joyce!!

Holiday Decorating - Joy Lamberson-McNaughten volunteered to spearhead efforts for a neighborhood Christmas Decorating / Holiday lights contest. If you would like to help Joy coordinate this effort please contact her at askjoy@comcast.net

Brandywine Night at Old Hickory CC - Anna-Vija McClain, the Event and Activities Manager at Old Hickory Country Club provided the guests with platters of homemade cookies and wraps. Anna was there to promote club memberships as well as let everyone know about “Brandywine Night” which was scheduled for June 18th at Old Hickory Country Club. If you would like more information about Old Hickory Country Club, please contact *Anna-Vija at 615 847 3966*.

Summit Coffee was on hand serving their soon to be famous brew to everyone! This coffee is brewed in Old Hickory, TN. For More information contact *Summit Coffee at 847 8488*.

Brandywine Drive Entrance – Along with the much appreciated positive feedback, folks asked what else was on the agenda for this entrance? We still plan to replace the glass in the windows with frosted non-breakable glass, & stain the trim to match the aged wood. We would also like to find a painter in the neighborhood who would be interested in painting the ceiling of the entrance. If you have a talent you would like to lend, or would be interested in the painting project, please contact Mike Locke.

If you would like to organize and plan the next neighborhood event please contact Mike Locke at 847 2278 – Fall is just around the corner!

NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY

Thanks to the HUGE response! If you have not submitted corrections or revisions for the directory, please do so as soon as possible. The **final final** deadline is August 10th. In addition, if you or your business would like to sponsor the directory there is space available for 4 primary sponsors. Sponsors will enjoy prominent adverting and assorted blurps throughout the directory. Sponsorship is \$125 per sponsor. The goal is to cover 100% of the costs associated with printing the directory. In addition to contact information, the booklet will also provide residents with copies of neighborhood plats and other information. If you have any questions regarding sponsorship, please contact Brett Franklin at 202 9950 or email itsbrett@comcast.net. Also, if any of our residents are in the printing business and would like to "publish" the directory, please let us know!



P.O Box 101

Thanks to many of you who indicated that you mailed something to PO Box 101 only to have it returned. This should not have happened and we have been assured this will not happen in the future. If you have anything that was returned please resend, or simply give to your block captain.



MUMS THE WORD

Fall will be here before we know it! If you would like to sponsor, provide and/or plant fall mums or other fall flowers at the Brandywine Drive entrance – please contact Judy Roberson at :

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Neighborhood Garage Sale—Event Review

There were a total of 38 households who hosted garage sales, and one household who hosted a lemonade stand! All residents reported the traffic was GREAT, so the efforts to promote the event were successful. The .50 cent a glass lemonade stand on Rolling Mill brought in over \$52! Many residents have asked that this be an annual event going forward. The suggestion has also been made to select a 2010 date and make it a joint effort to include Brandywine Place, Brandywine Harbor and Brandywine Ponte. If you would like to lead this effort for 2010 please contact Diane Luebke at dialuebke@comcast.net

SEWER UPDATE

Since our last newsletter much has happened. The plans to install the sewer system has been finalized for our neighborhood. Neighbors have been securing bids from various providers to install the plumbing necessary to connect to the sewer. While the Brandywine Farms Association does not recommend or endorse any provider, we recognize there is great benefit gained by residents grouping together to get a bulk discount. We are aware of two primary vendors. They are Lee Company, David Jeffers, 567-1000 and ARS, Jonathon Goodwin, 255-2111. Brandywine Farms resident Monty Peek is in the process of contacting as many homeowners as he can to unite with a single plumber to get the best price. If you are interested and have not already communicated with Monty, *please do so by phone at 615 394 7156.*

The contractor for this project is W.L. Hailey. It is anticipated that construction will start on or around August 1, 2009 with completion in January 2010. Final paving will follow dependent on weather conditions, but will likely not occur until late March 2010. The preliminary schedule (subject to change) is as follows:

- August to September Montchanin Road, Montchanin Terrace, Brandywine Drive
- September to October Shute Lane, Barley Mill Road, Rising Sun Lane
- October to November Rolling Mill Road, Rolling Mill Court, Rising Sun Terrace, Willow Bough Lane
- November to December Rising Sun Court, Harbor Cove Drive, Louviers Lane, Cherry Branch Lane

December to January Kennett Road, Kennett Court

For more information please contact Mike Morris at 615-862-4570 or e-mail at mike.morris@nashville.gov



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As more neighbors are discovering Facebook this tool will become more and more valuable. Facebook offers neighbors and interested parties the opportunity to post pictures, thoughts, ideas etc. This may ultimately prove to be a great "self service site" where neighbors can share information about lost dogs, service providers, etc

The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for 'Brandywine Farms'. At the top, there are navigation links for Home, Profile, Friends, and Inbox. The group name 'Brandywine Farms' is displayed with a 'Global' location. The 'Basic Info' section includes a description: 'Group for current and former residents of Brandywine Farms. Created and maintained by the Brandywine Farms Association. www.brandywinefarms.org'. The 'Contact Info' section lists an email address (brandywinefarms@comcast.net), a website (http://www.brandywinefarms.org), a PO Box (101 Old Hickory, TN), and a location. The 'Recent News' section shows a post about 'Brandywine Drive Entrance - Re-roofing project complete'. The 'Members' section displays a list of 8 members with their profile pictures. The 'Discussion Board' section shows a post titled 'Adopt a Spot' with 1 post by 1 person, updated on March 23, 2009 at 6:03pm. The 'The Wall' section shows 5 of 8 wall posts. On the right side, there are links for 'View Discussion Board', 'Message All Members', 'Promote Group with an Ad', 'Edit Group', 'Edit Members', 'Invite People to Join', 'Create Related Event', and 'Leave Group'. Below these are sections for 'Group Type', 'Admins' (listing Brett Franklin as the creator), 'Events' (listing a past event and a future event), and 'Related Groups' (listing several other groups).

NOTICE – YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We have all done it. You are out walking in our neighborhood and there it is, that one yard that is never mowed, where vehicles are routinely parked in the grass, in some cases the home simply appears to be vacant and neglected. You may have asked yourself, "What can I do about that?" Thanks to a "heads up by Brandywine Farms resident Chip Akin, we have learned that now YOU can do something!

Neighborhoods Organized To Initiate Code Enforcement is a new community support program designed to help citizens identify and report codes violations in their neighborhoods. The NOTICE program empowers the residents of Brandywine Farms and allows us to work together with the Codes Enforcement staff. Neighbors can now become a direct participant in the inspection process that helps improve and maintain their own neighborhood.

A good inspection program is an administrative tool used to enforce public policy. It is essential for public safety and consumer protection. Often, our neighbors simply do not realize they are breaking the rules. The goal of Codes Enforcement is not to exercise police like powers, but rather to use sound judgment and work cooperatively towards assisting the public. This can only be accomplished by establishing a good working relationship with all members of our community. The NOTICE program will do just that.

The first step to participating in the NOTICE program is for you to contact Chip Akin who has volunteered to spearhead this for our neighborhood. Once a team of 6-12 neighbors volunteer to participate, the team will receive training on the inspection process and will be given special Inspection Worksheets to use for reporting violations.

Again, if you are interested in participating in this new program you should contact Chip Akin at 615 541 0883.