



# NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

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## BRANDYWINE FARMS ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES

Based on both overwhelming and unsolicited positive feedback since the meeting held the last week of February 2008 at Andrew Jackson Elementary School, much headway has been gained.

From the sign up sheet provided during the meeting, more than 25 volunteer neighbors met on March 31st to review the proposed bylaws and discuss the next steps. Since the meeting, non-profit status has been filed for approval and neighborhood committees are being organized!

This is a very exciting time for our community. Just by being a resident of Brandywine automatically makes you eligible to participate! There are no required dues from residents. However, we do hope to rally neighbors to contribute their talents and resources on a voluntary basis.

Many residents are curious about what to expect from BFA in the coming months. Some of the projected short and mid-term goals of the group include:

- **Coordinate Annual Neighborhood Events** (i.e. parties, picnics, garage sales, etc.)
- **Improve Neighborhood Communication Resources** (i.e. Regular Newsletter, Neighborhood Website, etc)
- Organize a network of *active* **Block Captains** (Welcome new neighbors, distribute welcome pages)
- **Neighborhood Beautification** (Home/Yard of the Month, Adopt-a-Spot, Refurbish Entrances, etc.)
- **Neighborhood Watch / Safety** (Signage, Focused Meeting with Metro, Neighborhood Hotline, Evaluate Speed Bumps, Children at Play signage)

Neighbors interested in participating or leading one of the aforementioned committee projects are encouraged to note your interests on the registration form enclosed, or on our website:

[www.brandywinefarms.org](http://www.brandywinefarms.org)

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## **BRANDYWINE... HISTORICAL LINK**

As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day this year, many of you may not know that the our neighborhood namesake "Brandywine" had a role in this celebrated event! Brandywine Farms is named after a region in northeastern United States called the Brandywine Valley, where the Brandywine River flows. This historic valley is nestled 30 miles southwest of Philadelphia amidst the rolling hills of southern Chester County, PA where the Battle of Brandywine was fought, and northern New Castle County, Delaware where the paper was milled for the Declaration of Independence and America's first currency. Communities and locations with familiar names such as Louviers, Kennett Square, Barley Mill, Chester Rolling-Mills, Rising Sun-Lebanon & Montchanin Village dot the map. Much like Old Hickory, the

DuPont family and their businesses made a dramatic impact on the region. It is there where the DuPonts made their fortunes and built their mansions! Our neighboring community of Lakewood was formerly known as Dupontonia as it borders the original village built by DuPont to house it's employees in the early 1900s!

Readers can look forward to each of our future newsletters where we will include an article that focuses on how our neighborhood, the original property and current streets are related to the DuPont legacy & the Historic Delaware Valley. The July/August edition will feature an article that focuses on Kennett!

## BFA, INC.—FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**Q: Why is the Brandywine Farms Association being formed?** A: Many of our residents would like to see Brandywine Farms rekindle the sense of community and neighborhood that existed in years past. The focus of this organization is to foster activities and projects to facilitate community involvement and neighborhood pride.

**Q: Why is BFA seeking non-profit status?** A: There are several reasons, but the primary reason is to gain eligibility for federal, state, and independent grant money. Other area neighborhood non-profit groups have been able to make a positive impact on their neighborhoods through these funding opportunities.

**Q: The sewer issue has been a volatile subject in our neighborhood. Does the BFA, as an organization, support this effort?**

A: The BFA does not represent the neighborhood as being for or against this effort. However, as more information becomes available through our councilmember or metro legal, the BFA will post unbiased factual updates on the website.

**Q: Why has there not been an All Neighborhood meeting since the February meeting? When can we anticipate to have our next meeting?** A: Since the last meeting, much preliminary plans and progress has been made. We have se-

cured early commitments for grant monies and corporate donations once our non-profit status is approved. Now the first steps have been completed, we will be hosting a neighborhood social in late June (see page 4). We hope this will be the first of many opportunities to facilitate new friendships and rekindle old friendships within our community.

**Q: Does the Brandywine Farms Association plan to charge dues from residents?**

A: No. The BFA does not have any set annual dues. The BFA anticipates it's funding to come through grants and fundraisers, along with corporate and private donations.

**Q: During the All Neighborhood meeting held in February at Andrew Jackson School, a copy of proposed bylaws were distributed. Several neighbors were concerned about Article IV, 4.01 which referenced the non-profit organization incurring debt. Has anything been done to address that issue?**

A: From the sign up sheet provided during the meeting, a team of neighbors volunteered and met to review and discuss the proposed bylaws. During that meeting, several revisions were made including the decision to eliminate the section regarding debt from the bylaws.

**Q: To file for non-profit status there is an application fee .. How has this been funded?**

A: The application was easily funded from monies already contributed by many residents to support the efforts involved in launching an active non-profit neighborhood association.

**Q: How can I get involved to help support the Brandywine Farms Association and its initiatives?**

A: Easy, simply register on our website and indicate your interest. Or complete and return the form on page 3. As things begin to proceed further, we will make sure you have all the information you need to get involved and provide support. If you do not have email, please drop a note to: Brandywine Farms Association, PO Box 101, Old Hickory, TN 37138

PLEASE VISIT  
WWW.BRANDYWINEFARMS.ORG

### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES!

You may have noticed the blank spaces reserved for advertisements in this newsletter. From a business standpoint, the ads will reach a targeted group of over 325 homes in the Brandywine Farms neighborhood, a minimum of 5 times per calendar year. These ads show residents which area businesses support our neighborhood!

Please encourage any local business you frequent to advertise in our "Neighbor to Neighbor" newsletter. The rates are nominal and the benefits are great.

Lastly, before pursuing area businesses randomly, we would like to encourage Brandywine Farm's residents who have businesses they would like to promote in the newsletter to let us know.

100% of revenue earned through this marketing will fund the printing of the newsletter & postage. Any balance remaining will be used for other neighborhood projects. The layout & design services have been donated.

Please email [association@brandywinefarms.org](mailto:association@brandywinefarms.org) or contact **Brett Franklin 202-9950** for more information.

## YOUR OPINION COUNTS

While not everyone is capable of or willing to participate and lead various neighborhood activities, we believe everyone should be able to contribute their opinions!

By building a neighborhood database, which includes email addresses, we will be able to keep everyone up to date on community news AND have an avenue to gather opinions and feedbacks

outside of neighborhood forum meetings. There are several web based survey tools that will enable the association to secure feedback and opinions from the community, relative to future projects, opportunities and concerns.

### REGISTER TODAY

Return the Contact Registration form or visit our Website

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**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE WEB/EMAIL ACCESS BUT WISH TO RECEIVE FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE NEWSLETTER VIA REGULAR MAIL, AS WELL AS NOTIFICATIONS OF NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.— PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW AND MAIL TO: BRANDYWINE FARMS, PO Box 101, OLD HICKORY, TN 37138**

**BRANDYWINE FARMS**

**NEIGHBOR CONTACT REGISTRATION**

Household Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Names \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address in Brandywine Farms \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteers keep the Neighborhood Alive!**

**Please check all that interest you:**

- Neighborhood Beautification (Refurbish Neighborhood Entrances)
- Organize Neighborhood Events (Parties / Holiday Decorations)
- Neighborhood Watch
- Block Captain
- Interest in future newsletter advertising opportunities
- Interested in fund raising (Plant Sale, Cookbook, Golf Tournament)

Comments: (Please use the space below to include any comments or suggestions you have) - Thanks

I am not interested in serving on a committee, but I am excited about the initiatives planned by the Brandywine Farms Association!

**BLOCK CAPTAIN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Block Captains provide a very important resource to the neighborhood. These individuals agree to be a block captain for a group of 10 - 20 residents within their immediate area. In many cases, block captains are the first people to welcome a new neighbor to the community and integral to our future Neighborhood Watch Program.

Additional roles may include providing feedback to the BFA regarding suggestions or ideas their block may have to improve the community. We also hope that block captains forward birthdays, welcome new baby & individual award information to the Newsletter team to publish in the next edition.

If you are interested in making a difference in our community as a block captain, please email: [association@brandywinefarms.org](mailto:association@brandywinefarms.org) or check the box on the neighborhood registration form found above this article.

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***ENTRANCES SET AS A PRIORITY***

Image is not everything, but making a good first impression is important. Each of the three primary entrances of our neighborhood are in need of some TLC!

Area neighbors have volunteered and have done a great job for years to trim and weed, but we are now faced with structural concerns.

An action committee has been formed to focus on this initiative. One of the first steps is to get bids from licensed contractors to make the necessary repairs. We hope to secure money through both fund raising efforts and public grants that are available for purposes such as ours. If you are a licensed contractor, and a resident of Brandywine Farms,

we would like to get a bid from you! Please contact: Hugh McNaughten at 847-4013, or [association@brandywinefarms.org](mailto:association@brandywinefarms.org)





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## PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL!

Please mark your  
calendars for

**FRIDAY**

**June 27, 2008**

**5PM - 8 PM**

Long time residents Jack Cole & Hugh McNaughten have agreed to provide the catfish and equipment for a neighborhood FISH FRY !

All residents of Brandywine Farms are invited join us, along with a dessert to share at 5:00 pm, June 27, 2008 at the outdoor pavilion behind Andrew

Jackson Elementary for a good old fashioned Neighborhood mixer!

Name tags will be provided for all attending. This will be a great chance to renew old friendships and meet new neighbors and friends.

Door Prize Drawings throughout the evening!

**Please RSVP by June 25th with your name and # attending to:**

Association @brandywinefarms.org

Or, leave a voice mail with your Name & # Attending  
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